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DIRECTORURGENT.....

UNSUB, ALFRED GWYNNE VANDERBILT - VICTIM, EXTORTION. AT TEN THIRTY AM THIS DATE, [REDACTED] VANDERBILT STABLES, BELMONT PARK RACE TRACK, ELMONT, NY, RECEIVED LET ADDRESSED TO MR. A. VANDERBILT, BELMONT RACE TRACK, ELMONT, LI, NY, POSTMARKED SEVEN THIRTY AM, MAY THREE, FIFTYONE, AT ELMONT, NY. LET READS AS FOLLOWS.....

"DEAR MR. A. VANDERBILT, YOU WILL MEET ME AT GATE SIX OF THE BELMONT RACETRACK. WITH TEN THOUSAND DOLLARS IN CASH. YOU WILL BE ALONG IN YOUR CAR AT EIGHT O-CLOCK PM, MAY TEN IF YOU TELL ANYONE I WILL KILL YOU AND WHOEVER YOU TELL AND IF YOU DO NOT HAVE THE MONEY I WILL KILL YOU. P.S. THIS IS NO JOKE." 9 20514

PERSONS HAVING KNOWLEDGE RECEIPT OF THIS LET ARE VICTIM, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] VANDERBILT STABLES, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] EDWARD P. COFFEY, FORMER ASST DIRECTOR, FBI.

ABOVE PERSONS INTERVIEWED FOR LOGICAL SUSPECTS, WITH NEGATIVE RESULTS. POSTMASTER ELMONT, NY, ADVISED INSTANT LET POSSIBLY MAILED BETWEEN

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SEVEN AM AND SEVEN THIRTY AM AT POST OFFICE THIS DATE. NAMES OF EMPLOYEES AT VANDERBILT STABLES OBTAINED AND MR. EDWARD P. COFFEY WILL FURNISH APPLICANT FINGERPRINT CARDS BEARING SIGNATURES FOR COMPARISON PURPOSES. ORIGINAL LET BEING FORWARDED TO BUREAU LAB THIS DATE FOR HANDWRITING EXAMINATION AND DEVELOPMENT OF LATENT PRINTS. INVESTIGATION CONTINUING.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. Ward Time of call: 7:10 p.m. DATE: May 3, 1951
FROM : A. Brown
SUBJECT: MURKIN CALLS UP
MURKIN CALLS UP - SUSPECT - VIGILS

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Andy _____

To advise that agents are not being furnished to Mr. [REDACTED] to act as guards.

Mr. Chidt, New York Division, requested to be advised concerning the request previously made by Mr. Vanderbilt to have his stay with him for the next few days to afford him protection.

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... he said it was instructed that agents could not be utilized as friends for Mr. Vanderbilt.

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Cuffy also called me wife of
5/3/51 - I told him No.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. Ladd
 FROM : R. Rosen
 SUBJECT: ~~Mr. Vanderbilt - V.G.M.~~
~~Mr. Vanderbilt - V.G.M.~~

DATE: May 3, 1931

With ~~reference~~ ^{to} ~~reference~~ to the letter which Mr. Vanderbilt received the following is furnished:

He has been interviewed and the extortion letter has been obtained and is being sent to the Bureau. You will recall that according to the instructions received Vanderbilt is to be at Gate 6 with \$10,000 in money at 8:00 p.m. on May 10, 1931. If he does not bring the money he is to be killed.

While en route home from Vanderbilt's place he is apparently seeking some protection. He might know it's a matter of books but he has decided what to do. He resides at Westway, Long Island and has an apartment in the city.

Agents who were at Vanderbilt's place at the time the interview was completed told the Agents that they would like very much to speak word to Mr. Schmidt about this matter. They have been unable to contact him personally on the subject.

He also indicated that Mr. Vanderbilt would like to meet with him over the next few days at whatever time he sees fit to protect him. It might be needed him also to advise him to what to do in the event he got any further letters, etc.

There are no leads at his house and the Agents will see Mr. Schmidt tonite again.

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I do not believe that the usual channels are open to the Agent. Since Mr. Schmidt is not in touch with him for the last few days, Mr. Schmidt is the only man I can think of whom he can depend on. He has a better or living protection than I am certain anyone else in the silent guard available to Mr. Vanderbilt through Coffey's sources. I don't think an Agent should be assigned to the protection job.

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In: Verona
On: 10/10/01

Letter to Director
NY 9-1673

It is requested that upon the completion of the above examinations that these cards be returned to the NY Office (asmuch as they were obtained from the Thoroughbred Racing Protective Association).

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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Laboratory Work Sheet Recorded 5-9-51 5:00 AM p.m.

Recorded 5, "typ 50:

Re: Unsub;
ALFRED LUDWIG VANCE BILT--WESTM
; extraction

File #
Lab. # D-131722 LJ

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Examination requested by: IAC, New York 4-1673

Date of reference communication: letter 2/1/01

Date Received: 5/5/21

Examination requested: Document & Fingerprints

Result of Examination:

Examination by:

Specimens submitted for examination

Fingerprint card of the following individuals bearing their known names: **tips**,
suspects, for comparison purposes

KD 202-37-2-217 JAMES

EDWARD W. DAY

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
WASHINGTON D.C.

New York

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May 11, 1951

There follows the report of the FBI Laboratory on the examination of evidence received from your office on May 10, 1951. This report confirms and supplements the Bureau tele-

J. Edgar Hoover
John Edgar Hoover, Director

YOUR FILE NO. 9-1673
FBI FILE NO. 9-20514
LAB. NO. 1-131966

Examination requested by [redacted] NEW YORK
Reference Bureau [redacted]

Examination requested Document - fingerprint

"R22" fingerprint card for [redacted]
known to [redacted]

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Collation of evidence was not required as to whether [redacted] were originally [redacted] 4967090, whose signatures appear on [redacted] fingerprint cards, due to the limited nature of the known handwriting which is not at all comparable with the questioned material.

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The two latent fingerprints on R22 were compared with the fingerprints of [redacted] and "X" XIA but no identification was effected.

Specimen R22 is returned herewith, no photographic copy being made. It is filed in the files of the Laboratory.

Enclosure - AIR MAIL - SPECIAL DELIVERY

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of the



FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
WASHINGTON D. C.

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To: SAC, Baltimore

May 21, 1951

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There follows the report of the FBI Laboratory on the examination of evidence received from your office on May 10, 1951. This report confirms and supplements the Bureau's teletype of May 20, 1951.

CHARGE
ALLEGED CRIMES . . . ROBBERY - VICTIM
EXAMINATION

J. Edgar Hoover
John Edgar Hoover, Director

Examination requested by: Baltimore

RECORDED: 125 FBI FILE NO. 9-460
LAB. NO. 9-20514
D-131913

Reference:

Letter 5-14-51

Examination requested:

Outgoing

Specimen:

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- Q20 No one-page letters dated 3-1-48 and 2-24-47, a three-page letter and enclosure written from [redacted] and a four-page letter dated ~1951, bearing the purported known writing of ERNEST JAMES. Also one copy of an "Employee's History Record" and five copies headed "Alfred G. Vanderbilt Racing Stable" bearing the known signatures of ERNEST JAMES.
Q21 Five copies headed "Alfred G. Vanderbilt Racing Stable," one copy of "Employee's History Record," and one "Employee's Lifeholding Exemption Certificate," all bearing the known signatures of LESTER MURRAY.

Result of examination EX-121 RECORDED

It was concluded that ERNEST JAMES, whose known handwriting is clearly seen on Q20, did not prepare Q1 and Q2.

A definite conclusion was not reached as to whether Q1 and Q2 were prepared by LESTER MURRAY, due to the limited nature

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R.H. [Signature] R.F. [Signature]

of his known writing which consists only of signatures. These signatures are not sufficiently comparable with the questioned handwriting.

It is noted that item one in reference letter is described as being a two-page letter while actually it consists of two one-page letters which have been stapled together.

In accordance with your request specimens A and A21 are returned herewith. Appropriate photographic copies of these documents are retained in the files of the Laboratory.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Form No. 1
THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT New York

FILE NO. 9-460

REPORT MADE AT BALTIMORE, MARYLAND	DATE WHEN MADE 5/8/51	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 5/8/51	REPORT MADE BY [Redacted] /tv
TITLE UNKNOWN SUBJECT; ALFRED G. VINNE VANDERBILT, Victim		CHARACTER OF CASE EXTORTION	

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SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Two letters written by ERNEST JAMES and specimens of his signature obtained at Sagamore Farms, Glyndon, Md. Specimens of LESTER MURRAY's signature only obtained at Sagamore Farms. Both MURRAY and JAMES usually obtained advances on their salary which is not unusual among the VANDERBILT employees. JAMES borrowed \$50 in March, 1951 and is repaying it on installments. Descriptions of JAMES and MURRAY set forth. Handwriting specimens are being forwarded to the F.B.I. Laboratory.

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DETAILS: AT GLYNDON, MARYLAND

[Redacted] Sagamore Farms, advised that he is employed by ALFRED GUYNE VANDERBILT, owner of the Sagamore Farms.

[Redacted] made available certain records which reflected that LESTER MURRAY was employed by the Sagamore Farms in 1947, and other records indicated that JAMES has been employed at the Sagamore Farms since 1937.

[Redacted] furnished three letters written by JAMES to [Redacted]. It was stated that each of these letters was believed to be in the handwriting of JAMES. They are further described as follows:

APPROVED AND FORWARDED: C. H. [Signature]	SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE	DO NOT WRITE IN THESE SPACES	
COPIES DESTROYED		RECORDED 129	
COPIES OF THIS REPORT ② - Bureau 2 - New York 2 - Baltimore		MAY 11 1951	INDEXED - 129 EX-28
COMPARISON FILE			

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1. A letter dated March 1, 1951, was sent to [REDACTED] from [REDACTED] South, California, bearing the salutation "Dear Friend". This is a two-page letter signed "Lester" and it bears a postscript "P.S." returned to [REDACTED] February 13, 1951.
 2. A letter addressed "Dear Mike" written from [REDACTED] [REDACTED] signed [REDACTED]. This is a two page letter half page letter and it is dated [REDACTED]. Attached is an envelope addressed to [REDACTED]
 3. The third letter is dated March 21, 1951, at [REDACTED] and the salutation is "Hello" [REDACTED]. This is a four page letter signed "Lester".
- [REDACTED] furnished a form known as "Employee's History record" which bears the signature of LESTER A. JAMES.

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In addition to the above material, [REDACTED] made available five yellow sheets of accounting paper headed up "Alfred G. Vanderbilt Racing Stable." He stated that each of his employees was allowed additional money while he was working in California. Each of these five sheets bears the signature of LESTER A. JAMES and STANLEY. The five sheets are described as follows:

1. Travelling and expenses for the Period Ending January 27, 1951.
2. Travelling and expenses for the Period Ending January 31, 1951.
3. Travelling and Expenses for the Period Ending February 15, 1951.
4. Travelling and expenses for the Period Ending February 28, 1951.
5. Travelling and expenses for the Period Ending March 15, 1951.

In addition to the above [REDACTED] furnished one copy of the "Employee's history record" for LESTER A. JAMES which contains "STANLEY's signature and one copy of "Employee's Withholding Exemption Certificate" bearing [REDACTED] signature also.

All of the above material is being sent to the F.B.I. Laboratory for an appropriate examination.

Continuing, [REDACTED] stated that LESTER JAMES earns a salary of \$275 per month plus whatever amount he obtains from the "stakes." It was explained that employees are allowed a certain amount of the racing prizes when a horse that employee works with wins a stake.

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REPO. It was explained that JAMES has been employed as an exercise boy, and at certain advances during almost every pay period amounting to [redacted] \$20 and \$35. Occasionally these advances run more than that. [redacted] pointed out that JAMES had two \$100 advances on the following dates: August 15 and August 31, 1950.

[redacted] stated that these advances are not unusual, and explained that a number of the employees are granted advances between pay-days, which are two weeks apart.

[redacted] related that JAMES borrowed \$250 about March, 1951, and personally signed a note for this amount on April 5, 1951. [redacted] agreed to repay this loan through reductions from his pay. To date he has paid a total of \$50 toward retiring this note.

[redacted] advised that LESTER MURRAY, a groom employed at the Sagamore Farms, is paid at the rate of \$125 per month plus his earnings from stakes. It was explained that MURRAY may earn from \$500 to \$1,000 over the period of one year from these stakes.

It was pointed out that JAMES' earnings from stakes amounted to about \$300 to \$1,600 per year.

[redacted] requested that all of the material described previously in this report be returned to him when it has served its purpose. He advised that this material contained the only available handwriting specimens of ALBERT JAMES and LESTER MURRAY.

The following descriptions were obtained from the "Employee's history record" at the Sagamore Farms:

Name	LESTER MURRAY
Date of Birth	August 15, 1890
Position	Groom at the Sagamore Farms
Race	Negro
Sex	Male
Education	[redacted]
Health	Fine
Height	5' 4"
Weight	210 pounds
Place of birth	Norfolk, Virginia
Nationality	American
Address	Sagamore Farms, Glyndon, Maryland
Social Security No.	[redacted]

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Name	ERNEST R. JAMES
Position	Exercise Boy
Date of Birth	September 3, 1907
Place of birth	Niagara Falls, New York
Nationality	American
Race	White
Address	Sagamore Farms, Glyndon, Maryland
Sex	[redacted]
Social Security No.	[redacted]
Health	Good
Height	5' 5"
Weight	110 pounds
Marital Status	Single
Name of person to be Notified in Case of Emergency	[redacted]
Education	Elementary
Form "A" [unclear]	[redacted]

1. PAPER COPY SUBMISSION TO THE OFFICE OF ORIGIN

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REFERENCE: New York teletype to Bureau and Baltimore dated 5/7/51.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. Ladd

DATE: May 11, 1951

FROM : A. Rosen [initials]

SUBJECT: [redacted]

ALFRED GWINNE VANDERBILT - VICTIM;
EXTORTION;
FEDERAL JUVENILE DELINQUENCY ACT

Call: 3:55 p.m.

ASAC Hargett called from New York and advised that an authorized complaint had been filed against subject in connection with the above-captioned violation; that the subject had been arraigned before the United States Commissioner and in default of \$1,000 bond was being taken by the United States Marshal to the Federal House of Detention on West Street, where he will be held segregated from the older prisoners until different arrangements can be made.

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cc - Mr. Nichols

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STANDARD FORM NO. 64

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. Ladd

DATE: May 11, 1951

FROM : A. Rosen

SUBJECT: [REDACTED]

ALFRED GWINNE VANDERBILT - VICTIM;
EXTORTION;
FEDERAL JUVENILE DELINQUENCY ACT

Call: 2:45 p.m.

ASAC Hargett, New York, telephonically advised that United States Attorney Frank J. Parker of the Eastern District of New York, after interviewing the [REDACTED] has authorized filing Federal process charging a violation of the Federal Juvenile Delinquency Act. The boy will be arraigned at 3:15 p.m. today, and the United States Attorney has requested \$1,000 bond.

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cc - Mr. Nichols

I am glad that at last common sense is prevailing over anti-mentality

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF JUSTICE
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DIRECTOR AND SAC URGENT

UNSUB, ALFRED GWYNNE VANDERBILT, VICTIM., EXTORTION. BALTO CONTACT [REDACTED] SAGAMORE FARMS, GLYNDON, MARYLAND, AND OBTAIN ALL HANDWRITING IN FILES PERTAINING TO LESTER MURRAY AND ERNEST JAMES, BOTH OF WHOM ARE EMPLOYED BY VICTIM AT BELMONT PARK RACETRACK, WHO ARE POSSIBLE SUSPECTS IN INSTANT CASE. SAGAMORE FARMS ALSO OWNED BY VICTIM AND ALL EMPLOYMENT CORRESPONDENCE MAINTAINED THERE. FORWARD SPECIMENS IMMEDIATELY TO FBI LAB, ATTENTION ASSISTANT DIRECTOR HARBO. EXPEDITE.

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cc: Mr. Harbo

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. Ladd

DATE: May 10, 1951

FROM : A. Rosen

SUBJECT: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS:
ALPHRED GATYNNE VANDERBILT - VICTIM;
EXTORTION

Call: 9:22 a.m.

ASAC Hargett, New York, telephonically advised that Mr. Vanderbilt has decided that he wants to personally appear at Gate Six at the Belmont Race Track tonight for the pay-off which the extortionist has set for 8 p.m. SAC Schaidt will have over-all supervision of the activities from the radio control station in the New York Office, and ASAC Hargett will afford on-the-spot supervision, heading a squad of approximately twenty-five Agents.

Mr. Vanderbilt will drive his personally owned automobile to the track, leaving home at 7:30 p.m. This will enable him to arrive at Gate Six at 7:50 p.m. Special Agent [redacted] with walkie-talkie radio equipment, will be hidden in the back of Mr. Vanderbilt's car. While proceeding from his home to the track, Mr. Vanderbilt will be surveilled by a car containing Mr. Hargett and other Bureau Agents. This is to make certain that the extortionist is not surveilling Mr. Vanderbilt.

Gate Six faces on Hempstead Avenue, which carries heavy automobile traffic. There is a wooded area with several buildings in the vicinity. A cordon of Agents will cover the pay-off spot by utilizing several houses and three stables which are in the immediate area.

The Bureau's sound truck will be in the area and will have a sign on it indicating it belongs to a feed distributor. Additional automobiles will be held in readiness at appropriate distances throughout the pay-off area.

Mr. Hargett has assured that every precaution has been taken to insure the personal safety of Mr. Vanderbilt. Hargett has conducted a discreet trial run of the plans, and everything is in readiness. Mr. Vanderbilt has indicated that he will stay at the gate for a period of approximately thirty minutes, and that if the extortionist does not show by 8:30 he will return home.

ACTION TAKEN:

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ASAC Hargett was instructed to keep the Bureau informed by telephone of every development and to make certain that the Bureau is advised immediately of the events that transpire at the scene of the pay-off tonight.

cc - Mr. Nichols

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
WASHINGTON D. C.

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To: G. M. G., New York

May 14, 1951

There follows the report of the FBI Laboratory on the examination of evidence received from your office on May 14, 1951. This report confirms and supplements the Bureau's teletype of May 14, 1951.

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[REDACTED]
ATT. F.B.I. GEYER & VANDERBILT,
NEW YORK

J. Edgar Hoover
John Edgar Hoover, Director

Examination requested by: New York

YOUR FILE NO. 9-1673
FBI FILE NO. 9-20514
LAB. NO. D-132062 R

Reference: Letter S-11-51

Examination requested: Document - Fingerprint

Specimen:

K23 An envelope and three sheets of paper bearing handwriting specimens of [REDACTED]
ALSO SUBMITTED: Fingerprint card of [REDACTED]
Result of examination:

It was concluded that [REDACTED] K23, prompted

You will be advised separately regarding the results of the fingerprint examination.

Specimen K23 to be returned herewith. Photographic copies of K23 are retained in the files of the Laboratory at 500 3rd Street, N.W., Washington 25, D.C. in envelope - REGISTERED MAIL.

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May 14, 1951

Director, FBI Att: FBI Laboratory
 Att: Assistant Director Harbo
SAC, New York

UNKNOWN SUBJECT
PHILLIP HIRSCH, AUSA, EDNY VICTIM
EXHORITION

There is enclosed a letter postmarked 5/13/51 at Brooklyn, New York, addressed to Assistant U. S. Attorney HIRSCH, Brooklyn Federal Building, Brooklyn, New York, which letter reads as follows:

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"Show this to ALFRED G. VANDERBILT or else

"You caught my stooge. Now come across with \$15,000 or you'll be dead in 5 days! If you'll cooperate put an ad in the want ad's of the world telegram saying

'Boy Wanted
Good Pay
Call Dk 2-8400'
(Dk ATH)

"K. ILLER

"U.S. I've really got a gun."

It is requested that this communication be afforded a document-fingerprint examination.

The following employees of the USA's office, EDNY, are known to have handled this communication:

PHILLIP HIRSCH, AUSA

GEORGE PERCY, AUSA

[REDACTED] Clerks

It is requested that this letter be afforded expeditious attention and that the enclosed letter be returned to the New York office in the event the addressee is requested to return it to the subject.

Enc. (1)

REGISTERED MAIL

TEL:PC

5-1675 IND [Signature] AB FILES

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UNSUB; ALFRED GWYNNE VANDERBILT VIKER, REURLET MAY FOUR. SIGNATURES FINGERPRINT CARDS LIMITED AND NOT SUFFICIENTLY COMPARABLE HANDWRITING ON EXTORTION LETTER AND ENVELOPE FOR DEFINITE CONCLUSION TO BE REACHED. FROM SUCH AN EXAMINATION AS CAN BE MADE OF LIMITED KNOWN HANDWRITING NOTHING PARTICULARLY SIGNIFICANT NOTED ANY FINGERPRINT CARDS EXCEPT SIGNATURES ERNEST ROBERT JAMES AND LESTER MURRAY. SUGGEST ADDITIONAL UNDICTATED KNOWN HANDWRITING JAMES AND MURRAY BE OBTAINED WITHOUT THEIR KNOWLEDGE. UNDER CIRCUMSTANCES SUGGEST NOTHING BE DONE WHICH WOULD ALERT THEM TO POSSIBILITY THIS LINE OF INQUIRY PRIOR TO PAYOFF. LATENTS DEVELOPED ON ENVELOP ALL IDENTIFIED WITH FINGERPRINTS OF [REDACTED] TWO LATENT FINGERPRINTS ON LETTER COMPARED WITH ALL FINGERPRINTS SUBMITTED TO IDENTIFICATION EFFECTED. FINGERPRINT CARDS WILL BE HELD UNTIL AFTER PAYOFF DATE AND THEN BE RETURNED TO YOUR OFFICE. REC.

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SAC, NEW YORK

UNSUB; ALFRED GWYNNE VANDERBILT - VIXEN. ROUGLET MAY THREE.
NO IDENTIFICATION REFLECTED SEARCH ANONYMOUS LETTER FILE.
PORTION OF US GOVERNMENT WATERMARK CONTAINED IN PAPER USED
FOR LETTER. NO WATERMARK IN ENVELOPE PAPER. LETTER AND
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Office Memorandum

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT b6

TO : Director, FBI
 FROM : Attn: Assistant Director ROLF T. HARBO,
 FBI Laboratory
 S.A.C., New York
 SUBJECT: [REDACTED]

DATE: May 8, 1951

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LAB. NO. D 131696 DJ

There is enclosed, for document fingerprint examination, in connection with the above-captioned subject, a fingerprint card for [REDACTED], an employee of the victim at Belmont Park Race Track.

It is also suggested that the fingerprint card of [REDACTED] be afforded a document fingerprint examination. [REDACTED] also is an employee of the victim.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Recorded
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Laboratory Work Sheet Recorded 5-12-51 9:00 AM amb

UNZED . SUW CT
ALFRED G. LUMMIS & CANDERBILT
Re: VIKING

File # 9-20514-1 b6
Lab. # D-131964 DJ b7C

Lab File

Examination requested by: New York (9-1673)

Date of reference communication: Let 5-8-51

Date received: 5-10-51

Examination requested: Doc. fingerprint

Result of Examination:

Examination by:

Specimens submitted for examination

X22 Fingerprint card for bearing his known signature.

Alfred G. Lummis 16-7980

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Alfred G. Lummis 16-7980

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AL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

To: COMMUNICATIONS SECTION.

Transmit the following message to:

MAY 10, 1951

SAC, NEW YORK

UNSUB., ALFRED GWINNE VANDERBILT; VIKEX. REURLET MAY EIGHT. DEFINATE
CONCLUSION NOT REACHED WHETHER LETTER AND ENVELOPE WRITTEN BY [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED] AS SIGNATURES THEIR FINGERPRINT CARDS LIMITED AND NOT SUFFICIENTLY
COMPARABLE. TWO LATENT FINGERPRINTS ON LETTER COMPARED WITH FINGERPRINTS
[REDACTED] AND NO IDENTIFICATION EFFECTED.

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TO : Mr. Ladd

DATE: May 10, 1951

FROM : A. Rosen

Calls: 9:02 p.m.
10:25 p.m.

SUBJECT: [REDACTED]

ALFRED GWYNNE VANDERBILT - VICTIM
EXTORTION

SAC Scheidt advised that [REDACTED] a 15 year old boy was taken into custody by Bureau Agents at 8:20 p.m. tonight when he appeared at the pay-off location at Belmont Race Track designated in a \$10,000 extortion note to Alfred Gwynne Vanderbilt. The boy admitted having written the extortion note. He was released to the custody of his parents upon instructions of U. S. Attorney Frank Parker of the Eastern District of New York who indicated further consideration would be given the case in the morning.

[REDACTED] claimed that he had written the extortion note after having seen Mr. Vanderbilt's photograph in a racing journal. He said that it was his own idea; that no one prompted him to write it; and that he really didn't think anyone would take it seriously. He added that he appeared at the pay-off spot just to see what would happen. He was taken into custody without incident when he loitered around the pay-off location for about 20 minutes after Mr. Vanderbilt arrived in his automobile.

Mr. Vanderbilt, who previously indicated his concern over receiving the extortion note, advised SAC Scheidt in New York after the arrest was made that he was greatly relieved and highly pleased at the efficient manner in which this case had been handled by the Bureau.

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In accordance with the instructions of the U. S. Attorney, [REDACTED] was released to the custody of his parents.

In view of the age of the subject and since no Federal Process has been issued, Mr. Nichols indicated that the New York Division should not issue a press release and Mr. Scheidt was so advised.

Spencer Drayton is being informed by Mr. Scheidt of the developments.

cc: Mr. Nichols
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Certainly "myah" handling
of a potential criminal -

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TO : Mr. Tolson
 FROM : L. B. Nichols
 SUBJECT: [redacted]

DATE: May 11, 1951

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ALFRED GWYNNE VANDERBILT - VICTIM
EXTORTION

ASAC Hargett of New York called Holloman this morning for authority to make a press release in the above-captioned case.

Alfred Gwynne Vanderbilt received an extortion letter threatening his life if he did not leave \$10,000 at Gate #6, Belmont Race Track at 8:00 p.m. on May 10, 1951. The New York Office covered this area last night and observed the subject who is a 15-year-old boy and in the 8th grade at school hiding behind trees and cars and carrying a cap pistol. He was surveilled and at dark was approached by the Agents. After talking to him for about one hour he admitted writing the extortion letter.

He comes from a family in which there are five girls and both the mother and father work. The family lives near Belmont Race Track.

Last night the Assistant United States Attorney in New York was contacted and he recommended against placing this boy in jail and recommended that he be placed in the custody of his parents and that this morning the United States Attorney would talk to the boy and would decide as to what to do. Mr. Hargett stated that in all probability there would be no prosecution but that the boy would be placed in the custody of his parents under the system that is followed in New York in the handling of juveniles. 200-4-18

Mr. Vanderbilt is very happy over the solution of the case and was amazed at its success. He is very happy and excited over the apprehension of the boy and has interposed no objection to a press release.

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The New York Office last night felt that there should be no press release as there would be no prosecution but this morning Mr. Hargett and Mr. Scheidt recommend that in view of the fact that Mr. Vanderbilt is the victim and that there necessarily will be publicity on the matter in view of the number of people at the race track and in the United States Attorney's office who know about the case that a short statement to the press should be made; that such a statement to the press would merely reflect the facts, would not name the boy, and would state that the facts had been presented by the New York Office to the United States Attorney's office who had recommended last night the release of the boy to the custody of his parents. They felt that such a release would be of credit to the

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Re: [redacted]

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|| Bureau as the boy was not placed in jail but was returned to his parents last night.

The United States Attorney was to talk to the boy this morning and if he does authorize prosecution which is not likely of course these facts will be made known to the press without naming the boy.

I approved the above procedure and the New York Office is making a short statement to the press in line with the above instructions.

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I don't share such mandatory sentencing. A 15 year old boy certainly is not just a "little child". It is this type of thinking that breeds the viciousness of ganghoodlums & gangs.
The U. S. City would do anything other than try & get State authorities to apt. To merely return him to his parents & such parents as they are will result in nothing good.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
WASHINGTON D. C.

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May 5, 1951

To: SAC, New York

There follows the report of the FBI Laboratory on the examination of evidence received from your office on May 4, 1951. This report confirms and supplements the Bureau's teletype of May 4, 1951.

CONFIDENTIAL

Re: Unknown Subject
ALB 140 G 577 - LANDIS BILL
VITEX

J. Edgar Hoover
John Edgar Hoover, Director

Examination requested by:

New York

YOUR FILE NO.
FBI FILE NO.

LAB. NO. D-131676

Reference:

Letter dated 4-3-51

Examination requested:

Document - Fingerprint

Specimens:

- Q1 Envelope addressed to Mr. A. VANDEWILLT, Belmont Racetrack, Bronx, New York, postmarked May 3, 1951, 7:30 AM.
Q2 Letter bearing letterhead beginning "Dear Mr. A. VANDEWILLT, You will..." and ending "... this is no..."

Results of Examining:

Q1 and Q2 were submitted with the appropriate portions of the anonymous letter file, but nothing was found in either the envelope or the letter itself.

Q1 is a social envelope of a style of card which is white and has faint blue writing on the back. This envelope is approximately 4 1/2 inches long and 3 1/2 inches wide. It contains two small rectangular pieces of paper which are watermarked.

Q2 is a sheet of paper, a handbill, on which is printed "1 1/3 by 1 1/3 inches". This sheet of paper appears to be government property. It is not clear what it is.

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Q1 and Q2 were treated for latent fingerprints by the iodine method and you will be advised separately regarding the results of the fingerprint examination. Neither of these documents was treated with silver nitrate inasmuch as this process would alter the original evidence in such a way that the subject would observe the change in the event it is necessary to return these documents to him. In the event Q1 and Q2 are not returned to the subject you may desire to resubmit them to the Laboratory in order that they may be treated for latent fingerprints by the silver nitrate method.

Specimens Q1 and Q2 are returned herewith. Photographic copies of these documents are retained in the files of the Laboratory.

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI DATE: May 3, 1951
 FROM : *EJ* Alt: Ass't Dir. HARBO, FBI Laboratory
 SUBJECT: SAC, New York

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URGENT SUBJECT;
 ALFRED GUTHRIE VANDERBILT - VICTIM
 EXTORTION

There is enclosed an anonymous letter addressed to Mr. A. Vanderbilt, Belmont Racetrack, Belmont, Long Island, New York, postmarked May 3, 7:30 A.M., 1951, which reads as follows:

"Dear Mr. A. Vanderbilt

"You will meet me at gate 6 of the Belmont race-track. With 10 thousand dollars in cash you will be along in your car at 8 o'clock P.M. May 10 if you tell anyone I will kill you and whoever you tell and if you do not have the money I will kill you.

"P. S. this is not a joke."

It is requested that this letter be processed for latent prints and also that the handwriting be compared with the anonymous letter file. Elimination prints of the known individuals who handled the letter as well as prints of suspects and handwritten signatures of the latter will be forwarded 5/4/51 for comparison with any latent prints developed and with the handwriting in the anonymous letter.

It is also requested that this letter be immediately returned to the New York Division in the event the subject should request the victim to return it.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Laboratory Work Sheet Recorded 5-12-51 9:00 AM amb

May 5, 1951

Re: A, New York

File # 9-2051-14

Enclosed follows the report of the FBI Laboratory which examination of evidence received from your office on May 4, 1951. This report confirms and supplements the Bureau's teletype of May 4, 1951.

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Examination requested by:

Date of reference communication:
ALB-1D G-1256. (W.M. B.M.)

Date received:

Examination requested:

Result of Examination:

Examination by:
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on York

Letter dated 4-9-51

Document - Fingerprint

- 1 Envelope addressed Specimens submitted for examination Acetate, brown, Long Island, New York, postmarked May 3, 1951, 7:30 AM.
2 Accompanying letter beginning "Dear Mr. A. VAN W. BILL You will see at ga...," ending "P. S. this is no joke."

Result of Examination:

41 and 42 were compared with the appropriate sections of the anonymous letter file without effecting an identification. Appropriate photographic copies of these documents are being added to this file for future reference and comparison purposes.

Specimen 1 is a small correspondence style of envelope which is white in color and has a light blue lining on the inside. This lining has white wavy lines running through it at regular intervals. This envelope measures approximately 4 by 7 1/2 inches and bears no watermark. No stamp was present on this when this evidence was received by the laboratory.

Specimen 2 is a sheet of white bond paper upon which measures approximately 10 1/3 by 7 1/4 inches. This sheet of paper bears a fragmentary watermark which appears to be the reverse of the watermark which is used on most of the paper used by the United States Government.

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.1 and .2 were treated for latent fingerprints by the iodine method and you will be advised separately regarding the results of the fingerprint examination. Neither of those documents was treated for silver nitrate inasmuch as this process would alter the original evidence in such a way that the subject would observe the change in the event it is necessary to return these documents to him. In the event .1 and .2 are not returned to the subject you may desire to retain them to the Laboratory in order that they may be treated for latent fingerprints by the silver nitrate method.

Specimens .1 and .2 are returned herewith. Photographic copies of these documents are retained in the files of the laboratory.

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ATTACHED ENCLOSURE

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
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[REDACTED] ALFRED G. VANDERBILT, VIKEX, JUVENILE

DELINQUENCY ACT. EXTORTION PLANT COVERAGE AT GATE SIX, BELMONT PARK RACE TRACK FROM SEVEN FORTY FIVE PM TO EIGHT THIRTY PM MAY TENTH, FIFTYONE. SUBJ, A YOUTH AGED FIFTEEN, OBSERVED LOITERING AT AND ABOUT LOCATION OF PAYOFF, GATE SIX BELMONT PARK RACETRACK. SUBJ UPON LEAVING SCENE OF PAYOFF AT APPROXIMATELY EIGHT TWENTY FIVE PM WAS QUESTIONED BY BUREAU AGENTS AND ADMITTED WRITING AND MAILING EXTORTION LETTER TO VICTIM ON STATIONERY OBTAINED FROM HIS SISTER, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] PER INSTRUCTIONS OF USA FRANK J. PARKER, EDNY, SUBJ RELEASED IN CUSTODY OF HIS PARENTS DURING NIGHT OF MAY TENTH FIFTYONE.

SUBJ FURNISHED SIGNED STATEMENT AND ADMITTED GUILT THIS DATE.

HANDWRITING SPECIMENS OBTAINED. AUTHORIZED COMPLAINT FILED BEFORE USC EDWARD FAY, EDNY, THIS DATE BY SA [REDACTED] VIOLATION OF TITLE EIGHTEEN, USC, SECTIONS FIVE ZERO THREE ONE AND EIGHT SEVEN SIX. SUBJ ARRAIGNED BEFORE USC FAY. BAIL SET AT ONE THOUSAND DOLLARS AND SUBJ REMANDED TO FEDERAL HOUSE OF DETENTION IN DEFAULT. HANDWRITING SPECIMENS AND FINGERPRINTS BEING FORWARDED TO BUREAU FOR FINGERPRINT AND DOCUMENT EXAMINATION THIS DATE. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] EDNY, ADVISED AND ARRANGEMENTS MADE TO LODGE SUBJ IN SEPARATE QUARTERS AT FEDERAL HOUSE OF DETENTION. MAY 17 1951

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Called Name

Called Laboratory

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. Nichols
FROM : ... FBI LA
SUBJECT: UNKNOWN SUBJECT
ALMA GUY; CO-CONSPIRATOR, VICTIM
and others

DATE: May 3, 1951

CALL 10:42 a.m.

Alfred Harpeth, New York, called and advised that Alfred Gwynne Vanderbilt, prominent sportsman, had today received threatening mail at Belmont Park an extortion letter demanding that he make a payment of \$10,000 or that hurt would befall him. The payoff is to be set on May 10, 1951, and instructions generally are that the payoff be made through a contact to be set at late 4, Belmont Park, in the early morning of May 9, 1951.

Harbrell called Mr. Coffey of the Anorogated Racing Association and told Mr. Coffey relayed the matter to B.G. Scheidt.

Mr. Harpeth stated that the exact wording of the note was not known but that the agents were en route to Belmont Park to interview the victim and secure the note. 20514-21

Mr. Harpeth was instructed to keep the Bureau closely advised of all developments.

cc Mr. Nichols

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

To: COMMUNICATIONS SECTION.

Transmit the following message to:

May 10, 1951

SAC BALTIMORE
SAC NEW YORK

UNSUB, ALFRED GWYNNE VANDERBILT, VIKEX. REALET MAY EIGHT.
CONCLUDED EXORTION LETTER AND ENVELOPE NOT WRITTEN BY SGNST
JAMES. DEFINITE CONCLUSION NOT REACHED WHETHER LETTER AND
ENVELOPE WRITTEN BY LESTER MURRAY BECAUSE KNOWN WRITING CONSISTS
ONLY OF SIGNATURES WHICH ARE LIMITED AND NOT SUFFICIENTLY
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TO : Director, F.B.I. ATTN: FBI LABORATORY,
FROM: ALBERT, Baltimore ASSISTANT DIRECTOR BALTIMORE
SUBJECT: MAIL, MAILING, AND TELEGRAMS,
1. 14 p.
2. 15 p.
3. 16 p.

DATE: 1/8/51

RECORDED IN THE OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR AND BALTIMORE. 5/7/51.

[REDACTED] paper, Sagamore Farms, Glyndon, Md.,
which contains the material which contains specimens of
the handwriting of James J. D'Amico, and i STRANAHAN:

1. A post card letter dated 3/1/49 written from [REDACTED]
to "Dear friend like" containing the salutation "Dear friend like"
and the date "Mar. 1, 1949" and letter bears a postscript "like, I
will be home on Mar. 15, 1949."

2. A post card letter from [REDACTED]
dated April 1, 1950, 175 W. 14th St., New York.

3. A fourth post card letter written by "D'Amico" containing the salutation
"Dear like" written April 2, 1951 to 175 W. 14th St., Niagara
Hill, New York.

It is to be noted that the above three letters are reported to
have been written by James J. D'Amico to [REDACTED] at the Sagamore
area.

INTERVIEWED [REDACTED]

4. An account book of the above [REDACTED] furnished one copy
of the "Master List of record" bearing the signature of
[REDACTED].

5. Two copies of yellow accounting-type paper headed "Alfred
L. Stranahan's Stable" which bears the signature of both
Alfred L. Stranahan and Ruth Stranahan. These sheets are for travelling
expenses for the periods ending Jan. 15, 1951; Jan. 31, 1951;
Feb. 15, 1951; Mar. 2, 1951; and Apr. 15, 1951.

6. A copy of "The Great Victory Record" bearing the signature
of [REDACTED].

7. Two copies of "American Exception Certificates" bearing the
signature of [REDACTED].

8. [REDACTED]

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Re: UNSUB, AL VET OFFICER VANDERLT
Victim
"CXC 10"

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The above listed material is being forwarded to the Laboratory for an examination which has been requested by the New York Office.

[redacted] no furnished the above material, requested that all of it be returned to him when it has served its purpose. He also advised that these were the only available handwriting specimens of ERNEST JAMES EARL RAY.

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI
FROM : Attention: ASSISTANT DIRECTOR HARBOUR
SUBJECT: FBI LABORATORY
El SAC, NEW YORK

DATE: May 11, 1951.

[REDACTED] Subject:
VTP-R JACK VANDER TILT, Victim

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Request Document-Fingerprint examination.

There are enclosed specimens of Subject's handwriting obtained on three individual sheets of paper similar to paper on which extortion note was written. There is enclosed also an envelope similar to that in which instant extortion letter was contained. This envelope bears handwriting of Subject.

Enclosed a sheet of Subject's fingerprints.
I would appreciate your earliest examination.

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[REDACTED] SUBJ, ALFRED GWINNE VANDERBILT, VICTIM,
EXTORTION, JUVENILE DELINQUENCY ACT. SUBJ ARRAIGNED ON INFO AS
JUVENILE DELINQUENT IN CHAMBERS OF FEDERAL JUDGE INCH, EDNY. TRIAL
SET FOR ELEVEN AM, MAY TWENTY FIRST NEXT. ONE THOUSAND DOLLAR BAIL
CONTINUED. SUBJ REMANDED TO FHD IN DEFAULT.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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To: COMMUNICATIONS SECTION.

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Transmit the following message to:

May 16, 1951

SAC, NEW YORK

[REDACTED] ALFRED EWYNNE VANDERBILT, VINTN.

RECEIVED MAY ELEVEN. CONCERNING Q ONE AND Q TWO WRITTEN BY ~~ALFRED~~
MARTINE HERZMANN. TWO LATENT FINGERPRINTS ON Q TWO IDENTIFIED
AS FINGERPRINTS OF SUBJECT.

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[REDACTED] SUBJ, ALFRED GWYNN VANDERBILT, VICTIM,
EXTORTION. FEDERAL JUDGE ROBERT A. INCH, EDNY, THIS DATE RECOM-
MENDED THAT SUBJ BE SENTENCED FOR THE TERM OF HIS MINORITY TO THE
NATURAL BRIDGE CAMP IN GREENLEE, VA..

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TO : MR. LADD,
 FROM : A. ROSEN
 SUBJECT: [REDACTED]

DATE: May 24, 1951

ALFRED GWYNNE VANDERBILT - VICTIM;
 EXTORTION
 FEDERAL JUVENILE DELINQUENCY ACT

[REDACTED] was sentenced this morning by Federal Judge Robert Inch, NY, to the custody of the Attorney General "for the term of his minority." This sentence will be served in the Natural Bridge Camp at Greenlee, Virginia, according to Supervisor [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] is a juvenile who wrote the extortion note to Alfred Gwynne Vanderbilt demanding \$10,000 under threat of death. He was previously arrested by Bureau Agents at Belmont Race Track on May 10, 1951.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI

DATE: June 5, 1951

FROM : SAC, New York

SUBJECT: [REDACTED]

ALFRED GUYNE VANDERBILT - VICTIM
EXTORTION
JUVENILE DELINQUENCY ACT

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For the Bureau's information, a detailed description, together with a diagram of the techniques and methods employed to cover the pay-off scene in the above captioned case, may be found in the report of SA [REDACTED] dated June 5, 1951 at New York.

It is pointed out that the use of radio equipment in this instance proved highly valuable and enabled the command car to properly direct a surveillance of the subject during a period of approximately forty minutes. The suspicious actions of the subject as observed by each post set up were coordinated at the command car and fed the command to issue instructions to surveil the suspect which might not have developed were there not constant radio contact with all points.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Form No. 1
THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT NEW YORK

NY FILE NO. 9-1673 eg

AIRPORT MADE AT JFK YORK	DATE WHEN MADE 5/11/51	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 5/3-5,7-11, 14,17/51	REPORT MADE BY [Redacted]
[Redacted]		CHARACTER OF CASE EXTORTION JUVENILE DELINQUENCY ACT	
LAW ENFORCEMENT VICTIM - VICTIM			

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: Victim received a letter postmarked 5/3/51 at Belmont, NY, addressed to him at Belmont High School. Victim was threatened with death in instant letter if he did not appear at school on 5/10/51 at 8:00 p.m. with \$1,000. Immediate investigation failed to disclose the identity of subject. Instant letter forwarded to Laboratory and latent prints developed. Pay-off covered by Bureau's name and subject, a youth 15 years of age, was arrested loitering in vicinity in a suspicious manner. When questioned by agents, subject admitted writing and mailing instant letter. Subject, per instructions of USA, EDNY, permitted to remain in custody of parents on night of 5/10/51. On 5/11/51 subject taken into custody. Fingerprints, handwriting specimen and signed statement obtained. Subject's prints and handwriting identified at FBI Laboratory. Authorized Commissioner of Court and subject arraigned before U.S. Commissioner on 5/11/51 as a juvenile delinquent in violation of Title 16, Sections 5031 and 576. Probation Officer, EDNY advised that subject remanded to Federal House of Detention in default of \$1,000 bond. Subject arraigned on information before Federal Judge ROBERT A. INCH, EDNY, on 5/17/51, and on 5/21/51 subject found guilty in trial in Juvenile Court, on 5/24/51.

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1. Date dictated
2. Name of Agent
3. File No.
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5. Date of Report

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Judge INCH recommended that subject be sentenced for term of minority to Natural Bridge Camp, Greenlee, Virginia. Description of subject and victim set out.

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DETAILS: This is a joint investigation of the following agents: Special Agent in Charge EDWARD SCHEIDT, Assistant Special Agent in Charge EDWARD E. MARGETT, and SAS [redacted]

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On May 3, 1951, [redacted] of the Thoroughbred Protective Bureau, advised this office that ALFRED FETTER had received an extortion note addressed to him at his stables, Belmont Park Race Track, on the morning of May 3, 1951.

Accordingly, SA [redacted] and the writer proceeded to Belmont Park Race Track, Elmont, Long Island, and [redacted] the Vanderbilt stables, advised that at approximately 10:30 a.m. on May 3, 1951, he received a letter addressed to the victim. Inasmuch as the handwriting in the envelope was very poor, [redacted] concluded that the writer was not only an individual employed at the stables, and as it was custom in correspondence of this type, he opened the letter.

[redacted] exhibited the letter to Mr. A. VAN VLIET, Belmont Park Race Track, Elmont, Long Island, and was postmarked New York, New York, May 3rd, 7:30 a.m. The letter read as follows:

"Dear Mr. A. Vanderbilt

You will meet me at gate 6 of the Belmont Park race track. With 10 thousand dollars in cash. Meet me about 10:30 or 11 o'clock P.M. I will tell you where and when to meet me. I will keep the money I will give you. I will not let you down."

Mr. FETTER stated that he did not know the address of the letter writer, but that he then telephonically communicated with [redacted] since of the letter to the victim. When asked if he could be of any assistance, [redacted] could think of any logical suspect.

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[redacted] was requested to maintain a trash coverage in the dormitory maintained for VANDERBILT's employees at the track and to obtain, if possible, samples of stationery from the various employees.

[redacted] turned the letter over to SA [redacted] and the writer and it was exhibited to Mr. VANDERBILT at the office of the Thoroughbred Racing Association, Room 925, Chrysler Building, Lexington Avenue, New York City, on the afternoon of May 3, 1951. VANDERBILT at that time could not think of any possible suspects and he returned the letter to the writer so that it could be processed by the FBI Laboratory. Mr. VANDERBILT, at the time of the initial interview, voluntarily agreed to circulate a key-off at gate 6, Belmont Park Race Track at 8:30 a.m. on May 10, 1951, per the instructions in the extortion letter, in the event the subject was not identified in the interim.

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The extortion letter was forwarded to the FBI Laboratory on May 3, 1951 for a document and fingerprint examination. On May 4, 1951 a number of applicant fingerprint cards containing signatures pertaining to the employees of the Vanderbilt stables were forwarded to the FBI Laboratory for comparison purposes, together with the fingerprint cards [redacted] for elimination purposes.

On May 5, 1951, the FBI Laboratory advised that latent fingerprints were developed in the extortion letter and that the sheet of paper on which the note was written bore a fragmentary watermark which appeared to be the government watermark which is used on most paper used by the United States Government. As a result of the above information, stationery stores in the vicinity of Belmont Park Race Track were canvassed with negative results.

Inasmuch as instant letter was postmarked at Belmont, New York, 7:30 a.m., May 3, 1951, [redacted] at Belmont, New York, was interviewed for the purpose of establishing, if possible, the exact time that instant letter was mailed and the location of the mailbox in which it was dropped. [redacted] stated that inasmuch as the letter was postmarked 7:30 a.m. there was a good possibility that the letter was mailed sometime between 7:30 and 7:30 a.m. at the Belmont Post Office on the morning of May 3rd, since mail picked

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up from the outlying boxes on the night before was run through the cancelling machine prior to 7:00 a.m. on that date. [redacted]
[redacted] could think of no one who was in the post office between 7:00 and 7:30 a.m. on May 3, 1951 with the exception of [redacted]
[redacted]

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[redacted] was located and interviewed on the evening of May 3, 1951 by S/ [redacted] and the writer, and he advised that on the morning of May 3, 1951 he picked up his mail as usual between 7:00 and 7:30 a.m., but that during the period while he was at the post office he did not observe any other individuals there. Before interviewing [redacted] it was determined that he had been employed at the Whitney stables for the past twenty years and was considered a reliable and trustworthy employee.

On May 14, 1951, the following arrangements were made to cover the pay-off at Gate 6, Belmont Park Race Track:

A detailed survey of the area in and around Gate 6, as well as the entire track and surrounding areas, was made. Appropriate maps of the area were obtained. The survey indicated that the area in which the pay-off was to take place contained trees, hedges, flower houses and stables, which offered a number of problems in view of the fact that there was no light whatsoever except at Gate 6 at 8:00 p.m., the scheduled time of the pay-off. At this time of the year, in that area, it is just about dusk at 8:00 p.m.

Gate 6 is located on the north side of Hempstead Turnpike, a main highway artery running east and west, containing six lanes heavily trafficked at high speeds. The mouth of the entrance to Gate 6 narrows down from a width of forty feet at Hempstead Turnpike to a width of twenty feet at the gate, which lies twenty feet in front of Hempstead Turnpike. An iron picket fence six feet high curves in on each side of the mouth and the visibility on the track side of the fence is obscured by a hedge about five feet tall. A drive twenty feet wide extends directly north from the gate for a distance of 240 feet where it forms a T intersection with another drive running north and south to the stable area.

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The victim, per instructions, drove inside Gate 6 and parked his auto at approximately 7:57 p.m., facing north on the east side of the drive just inside of the gate. On the floor in the rear of the victim's auto, an agent, small in stature, was concealed with a shotgun and a walkie-talkie, referred to as WT-1. This unit was completely concealed in the victim's auto, which was surveilled from his residence to the pay-off spot by car #15, the command car, and car #284.

Car #15, containing three agents equipped with a machine gun, took a position on Hempstead Turnpike about 250 feet east of Gate 6. Car #284, containing two agents equipped with a machine gun, took a position 200 feet west of Gate 6 on Hempstead Turnpike. One agent was detailed to remain at the victim's residence to handle any phone calls that might be directed there by the subject.

The sound truck, established as unit #1, with three agents concealed in the rear, at approximately 7:00 p.m. proceeded to a point about twenty yards inside Gate 6 on the east side of the drive; the driver emerged from the truck and took cover in the track watchman's office on the west side of the drive, thirty feet in from Gate 6. Unit #1 was equipped with a machine gun and three mild ray lamps. The agents concealed in this unit had an unobstructed view of the victim's auto, as did the driver, who had stationed himself in the watchman's office.

Car #14, containing three agents, drove into the track at approximately 7:00 p.m. and the agents, equipped with a walkie-talkie, designated for identification purposes as WT-2, took cover in a glass-enclosed porch of a cottage fifty feet east of Gate 6 from which they also could observe the pay-off scene.

In a one room office building on the west side of Gate 6 driveway, about 100 feet north of the gate, two agents stationed themselves. From this building they also had a view of Gate 6 and the pay-off scene. In barn #14, eighty feet north of Gate 6 and twenty feet to the west of the driveway, one agent stationed himself. In barn #7, directly west of barn #14, another agent stationed himself. From these two positions, the area directly west of the pay-off scene was fully covered.

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At approximately 7:15 p.m., car #13 took cover in the area where the Gate 6 drive forms a T intersection with a drive running north and south through the stable area. This car was in a position to observe anyone approaching Gate 6 from the stable area.

Car #10 containing two agents was established at Biltmore Avenue and Hempstead Turnpike, and car #84, containing two agents, took position at the intersection of Fieldmere Avenue and Hempstead Turnpike. Biltmore Avenue dead-ends into the south side of Hempstead Turnpike about forty feet west of Gate 6, and Fieldmere Avenue dead-ends into the south side of Hempstead Turnpike about thirty feet west of Gate 6.

Two agents took cover in a diner located on the northeast corner of Fieldmere Avenue and Hempstead Turnpike, and two agents stationed themselves in a bar and grill on the southeast corner of Biltmore Avenue and Hempstead Turnpike. From these positions the agents could observe anyone approaching Gate 6.

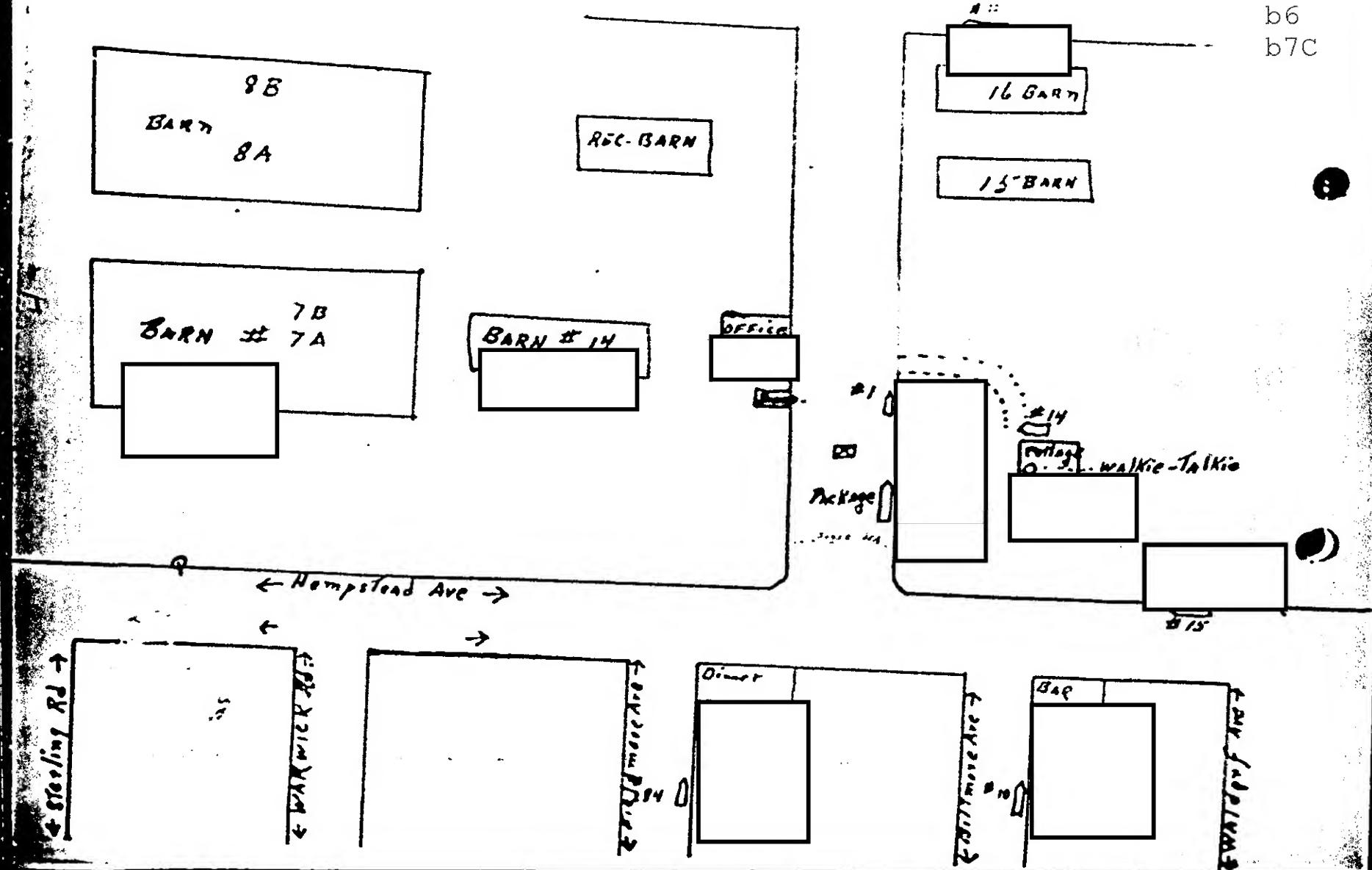
All automobiles used on this surveillance were equipped with two-way radios and radio station WFBV was on the air to handle all ground calls from agents on foot. During the course of the entire surveillance, perfect contact was maintained between the radio cars, the sound truck, the walkie-talkie, and station WFBV.

There is being inserted in the following page of this report a diagram which sets forth the position of the automobiles and agents utilized in covering the pay-off.

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At approximately 8:00 p.m., a youth about fifteen to sixteen years of age, wearing a blue sweater, was observed approaching Gate 6 by Agent [redacted]. The youth walked slowly passed the victim's auto and Agent [redacted] noticed that the youth glanced furtively at the auto as he walked by. The youth was observed by Agent [redacted] as he slowly walked up Gate 6 drive a distance of 240 feet, where the drive forms a T intersection with a road running east and west through the stable area.

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SA [redacted] who had stationed himself in the track watchman's office, also observed this youth as he wandered through Gate 6 past the victim's car and up the driveway. Agent [redacted] by telephone, communicated with station WJWV the fact that he had also observed this youth standing on the south side of Hempstead Turnpike directly opposite Gate 6 from approximately 7:45 p.m. on that evening.

As the youth approached the T intersection at the northern end of Gate 6 drive, he came into the view of Agents [redacted] who communicated this fact by radio to the command car. The youth was observed hovering around that area for a few minutes looking back in the direction of Gate 6. He then proceeded to walk through the stable area in a southerly direction, and Agent [redacted] was instructed to follow on foot. The youth, as he walked through the track area, constantly looked behind and from the shadow of trees and bushes, stopped to observe the pay-off spot. He eventually emerged from the track area via Gate 6 and walked west on Hempstead Turnpike to the entrance to Gate 6, where he hesitated and walked across Hempstead Turnpike to a point opposite Gate 6.

The youth at this point was in clear vision of car #1 which had taken a position west of Gate 6. Approximately 24 minutes had elapsed and during this period the youth was in the constant view of agents surveilling the pay-off scene.

At approximately 8:25 p.m. the youth started to walk south on Fieldmore Avenue away from the track. An agent from car #10 and an agent from car #84 joined in the surveillance. Car #284 also joined the surveillance, having been

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dispatched by radio, and when it became apparent at 8:30 p.m. that the suspect was not going to return to the scene of the pay-off, and since it was now completely dark, the agents surveilling the youth on foot were instructed, through instructions dispatched to car #284, to close in on the youth and question him.

At approximately 8:30 p.m., about two blocks south of Hempstead Turnpike on Fieldmore Avenue, SAS [redacted] approached the youth, removed a Hopalong Cassidy cap pistol from his person (this pistol was lodged in the youth's belt between his shirt and trousers), and questioned him in Bureau car #284.

At approximately 9:00 p.m. in the presence of SA [redacted] the youth admitted mailing an extortion note to Mr. VANDERBILT on stationery that he had obtained from his sister, [redacted]. The youth also stated that he was fifteen years of age.

At approximately 9:30 p.m. on the evening of May 10, 1951, SA [redacted] telephonically contacted FRANCIS J. PARIER, United States Attorney, Eastern District of New York, and advised him of the basic facts of this case and requested Mr. PARIER's opinion as to what disposition should be made of the subject. Mr. PARIER instructed that subject be permitted to return to the home of his parents for the evening of May 10, 1951 until the morning of May 11, 1951, at which time he be picked up by agents of the Bureau and brought to his office.

On May 11, 1951, SA [redacted] and the writer picked up the subject at his home at [redacted]. At that time the subject's older sister, [redacted] admitted giving him a piece of stationery identical with that used to write the extortion note, and she furnished samples of this paper to the writer. [redacted] stated that this stationery had been given to her as a Christmas gift.

The subject, accompanied by his mother, was driven to the New York Office where he was fingerprinted and photographed. Handwriting specimens were also obtained, as was a

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signed statement in which the subject admitted writing and mailing the extortion letter previously set forth in this report to Mr. VANDERBILT. Subject insisted that it was his own idea and that he had no accomplices. He stated that he had gotten the idea to write to Mr. VANDERBILT from a morning article he had read about Mr. VANDERBILT. Subject stated that he had never been in trouble before, but it was remembered that in June 1950 he ran away from home and did not return until November 1950, when he was picked up by police in Chestnut Hill, Pennsylvania for being on the streets at twelve o'clock midnight.

At 11:45 a.m. on May 11, 1951, subject was taken to the office of Assistant United States Attorney PHILLIP FISCH, Eastern District of New York, where he was interviewed in the presence of his mother, and the nature of the charge against him was explained. [redacted] Probation Officer, Eastern District of New York, was advised of the fact that the subject, a youth, was in custody.

On May 11, 1951, an authorized complaint was filed before United States Commissioner EDWARD FAY, Eastern District of New York, by the writer, charging the subject with violation of Title 18, Sections 5031 and 876, United States Code. The subject was arraigned and in default of \$1,000 bond, was remanded to the Federal House of Detention.

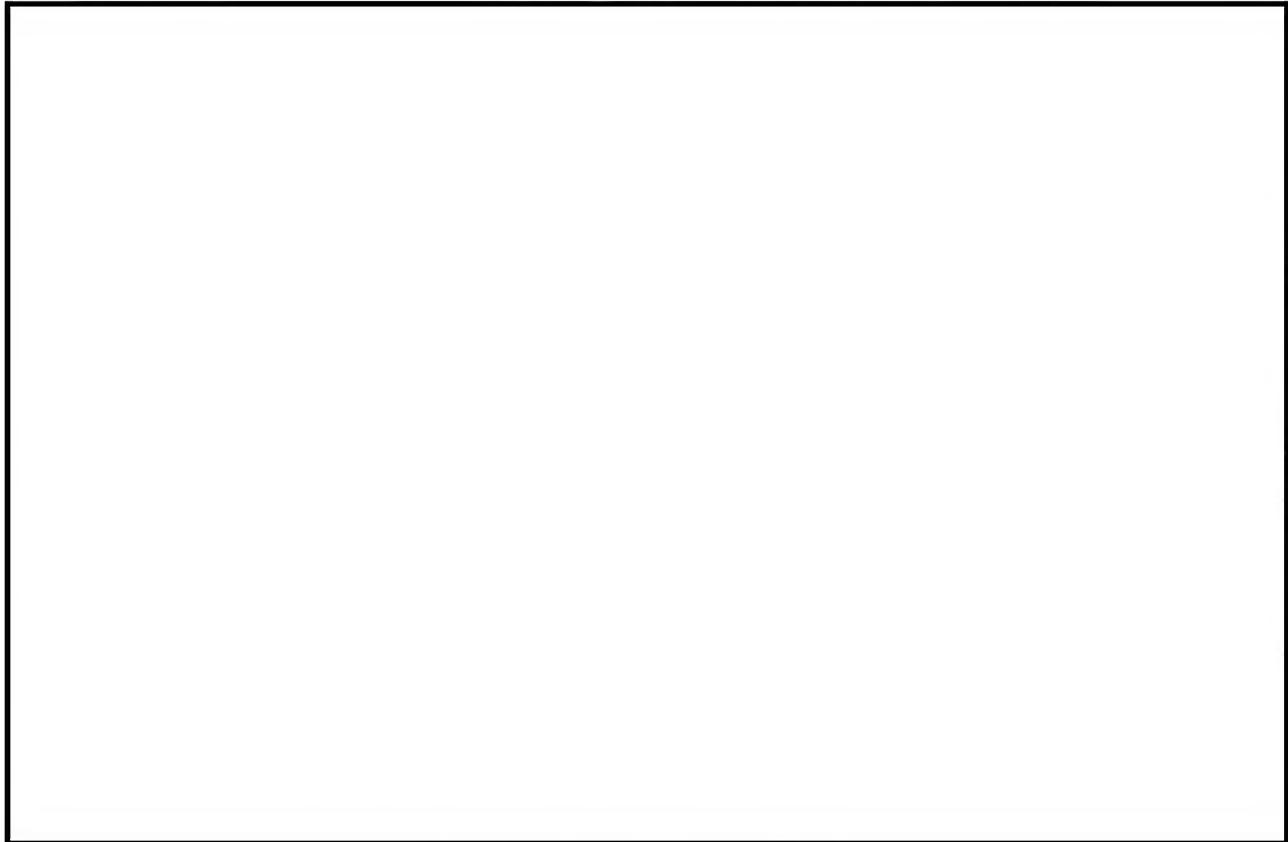
On May 16, 1951 the FBI Laboratory advised that two latent fingerprints developed on instant extortion letter were identified as prints of the subject, and it was also concluded in the specimens of subject's handwriting that the subject prepared instant extortion letter.

On May 17, 1951, the subject consented to be tried as a juvenile delinquent and an information was filed before United States Judge ROBERT A. INCH, Eastern District of New York, who appointed counsel and remanded the subject to the Federal House of Detention in default of \$1,000 bond. On May 21, 1951, the subject was tried as a juvenile delinquent in the chambers of Judge INCH, and was found guilty. On May 24, 1951, Judge INCH recommended that the subject be sent for the term of his minority to the Natural Bridge Camp, Greenlee Virginia.

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According to the FBI Identification Division,
subject, [redacted] has no previous criminal record.



The victim is described as follows:

Height	5'10"
Weight	155 lbs.
Eyes	Brown
Hair	Black
Build	Slender
Age	37
Marital Status	Married
Residence	Broad Hollow, Jericho, Long Island

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One disposition sheet on subject.
Three copies of parole report.

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REFERENCES

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DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
JUVENILE DELINQUENCY ACT

PAROLE REPORT

OUTLINE OF CRIMES

On May 2, 1951, at Elmont, New York, the subject, a youth fifteen years of age, mailed a letter to Mr. A. VANDERBILT, Belmont Race Track, Elmont, Long Island, New York, directing VANDERBILT to appear at Gate 6 on May 10, 1951 and bring with him \$10,000 or be killed.

On May 17, 1951, subject was arraigned on an information before Federal Judge ROBERT A. INCH, Eastern District of New York, as a juvenile delinquent, in violation of Title 18, Sections 5031 and 876, United States Code. On May 21, 1951, subject was found guilty in a trial before Judge INCH, and on May 24, 1951 Judge INCH recommended that the subject be sentenced to the term of his minority to the Natural Bridge Camp, Greenlee, Virginia.

EXALVATING CIRCUMSTANCES

The subject not only mailed an extortion note to the victim with a threat to kill him, but he also appeared at the scene of the pay-off and although he did not approach the victim directly, he acted in such a way as to draw attention to himself, and when he was picked up for questioning by agents of the FBI it was noted that he was carrying a

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Hopalong Cassidy cap pistol which, if drawn during the period of an evening when it is dusk, could have resembled a real revolver.

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DIRECTOR URGENT

[REDACTED] - SUBJECT, ALFRED GWYNNE VANDERBILT - VICTIM, EXTORTION. SUBJECT TRIED AS A JUVENILE DELINQUENT IN CHAMBERS OF FEDERAL JUDGE ROBERT A. INCH, EDNY, AND FOUND GUILTY THIS DATE. SENTENCE TO BE IMPOSED MAY TWENTYFOURTH AT TEN AM.

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May 23, 1951

Mr. George F. Vanderbilt

100 Central Building
Baltimore 17, New York

Dear Mr. Vanderbilt:

I thank you for your note of May 17, 1951,
and for your excellent comments concerning the
manner in which our representatives conducted the
investigation of the recent extortion case in which
you were involved.

You will share a thoughtful in writing me
again and tell us if we in the future are pleased to
receive your obstructions. Whenever we can again
use your office, please do not hesitate to call upon
us.

Sincerely yours,

cc - New York

A TAD bit ago ¹⁶⁶ ago Mr. Vanderbilt received an extortion
note from a fifteen year old boy and the case was brought to
a successful conclusion.

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R. K. Campbell

MAY 25 1951

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ALFRED GWYNNE VANDERBILT
608 CHRYSLER BUILDING
NEW YORK 17, N. Y.

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May 17, 1951

Mr. Tolson	
Mr. Todd	
Mr. Glavin	
Mr. Edwards	
Mr. A. Felt	
Mr. Harlan	
Mr. Tracy	
Mr. Hatch	
Mr. Adkin	
Mr. Belmont	
Mr. Laughlin	
Mr. Mohr	
Tolo, Room	
Mr. Nease	
Miss Gandy	
Miss... [unclear]	

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover, Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Department of Justice
Washington, D. C.

Mr. Wm. Fawcett.

I wanted you to know of my appreciation for the very efficient manner in which your organization handled the recent extortion case involving me. It gave me great feeling of security for my family and me to have this case handled so effectively.

I was very much impressed with the FBI personnel with whom I came in contact during the investigation. I think it is a tribute to you and the fine organization which you direct.

With kindest personal regards.

Sincerely,

Alfred Vanderbilt

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[redacted] May 21, 1951

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Auctor, FBI

ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED
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ON YOUR INFORMATION, THE ABOVE-CAPTIONED SUBJECT WHO WAS
BORN [REDACTED] IN BROOKLYN, NEW YORK WAS ARRESTED BY
FBI [REDACTED] ON MAY 21, 1951. HE WAS CHARGED WITH A
VIOLATION OF THE Federal Juvenile Statute AND REMANDED IN LIEU
OF TRIAL TO THE JUVENILE HOUSE OF DETENTION IN NEW YORK CITY, N.Y.
[REDACTED] PROBATION OFFICER, FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION ADVISED OF THIS ARREST.

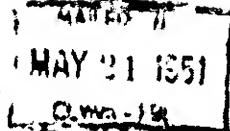
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Mr. Eugene J. Bragdon
President
Thoroughbred Racing Protective
Agency, Inc.
20 Chevalier Building
New York 1, New York

RE: "Spencer"

I thank you for your very thoughtful note of May 18, 1951, advising of your conversation with Alfred E. Vanderbilt. You were indeed kind in calling to my attention his favorable comments on the Bureau's handling of the recent extortion case in which he was the victim.

I thought you might like to know that he has also communicated with me in this same regard and it was reassuring to have his observations.

Sincerely,

E. F. Tamm

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cc - New York

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920 Chrysler Building
New York, New York
May 18, 1951

Mr. Tolson	✓
Mr. Ladd	
Mr. Clegg	
Mr. Glavin	
Mr. Nichols	
Mr. Rosen	
Mr. Tracy	
Mr. Harbo	
Mr. Alden	
Mr. Belmont	
Mr. Laughlin	
Mr. Mohr	
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Mr. Nease	
Miss Gandy	

Dear Mr. Hoover:

I thought you would be interested to know that I have talked with Alfred Vanderbilt concerning the extortion case in which he was interested. He made many favorable comments in regard to the manner in which the FBI handled this investigation, and I am sure he is impressed with the efficiency of the Bureau under your direction.

With best wishes and kindest personal regards,
I remain,

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Sincerely yours,

RECORDED. Spencer (Drayton)

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Department of Justice Building
Washington, D. C.

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[REDACTED] SUBJECT
[REDACTED] - VICTIM

S-1670. Reaults May 3, 4, 8, and 11, 1951, your file

Five latent fingerprints on #1 and two latent
fingerprint on #2. Five latent fingerprints on #1
identified as fingerprints of [REDACTED]. Two
latent fingerprints on #2 identified as fingerprints of
subject [REDACTED]. No identification
could be located for [REDACTED].

Fingerprints submitted with urlet of May 4th
will be herewith.

This confirms results of May 5 and 11, 1951.

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Re: [redacted] Subject:
ALFRKD GWINNE VANDERBILT, Victim
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File # 9-20514
Lab. # D-132062 DJ

LAB. FILE

Examination requested by: New York (9-1673)

Date of reference communication: Let. 5-11-51

Date received: 5-14-51

Examination requested: Document - Fingerprint

Result of Examination:

Examination by: [redacted]

Specimens submitted for examination

K23 An envelope and three sheets of paper bearing hw. specimens of [redacted]
[redacted]

ALSO SUBMITTED: Fingerprint card of [redacted] suspect, to
be compared with latents in case.

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INVENTORY OF PROPERTY ACQUIRED AS EVIDENCE

New York

Field Division

2/1/52

(Date)

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GWYNNE VANDERBILT - Victim

EXTORTION; JUVENILE DELINQUENCY

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Field Division File Number

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Description of Property Being Held

1 toy cap gun

Date Property Acquired and Authority for Acquisition

5/10/51 - incidental to arrest

Source from Which Property Acquired

Subject at time of arrest

Location of Property

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Exhibit Vault

Reason for Retention of Property and Efforts Which Have Been Made to
Dispose of It

To be destroyed.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : L. B. NICHOLS *LBN*
FROM : R. T. HARBO *RTH*
SUBJECT: Unsub;

DATE: 9-19-53

Alfred Gwynne Vanderbilt, Vic.
Extortion
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There is attached the file which has been maintained in the Laboratory in connection with the above captioned matter. It is desired that this file be maintained as an enclosure behind the main file in the Records Section. *NOT TO BE FILED IN RECORDS SECTION*

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Shag, NC Post 9-20514-35

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Re: [REDACTED] Subject:
ALFRED GWINNIE VANDERBILT, Victim
VIRGINIA

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Lab. # D-132062 DJ

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Examination requested by: New York (9-1673)

Date of reference communication: Let. 5-11-51

Date received: 5-14-51

Examination requested: Document - Fingerprint

Result of Examination:

Examination by: [REDACTED]

Specimens submitted for examination

R23 An envelope and three sheets of paper bearing h/w. specimens of [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

All SUBMITTED: Fingerprint card of [REDACTED]

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
WASHINGTON D. C.

T. & J. ALCO, New York

May 14, 1951

There follows the report of the FBI Laboratory on the examination of evidence received from your office on May 14, 1951. This report confirms and supplements the Bureau's teletype of May 14, 1951.

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J. Edgar Hoover
John Edgar Hoover, Director

YOUR FILE NO. 3-1673
FBI FILE NO. 3-20514
LAB. NO. 3-132062

Estimation registered by New York

Reference Letter 5-11-61

Examination requested Document - Fingerprint

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... in envelope and three sheets of paper bearing handwriting specimens of [REDACTED] Area of [REDACTED] Fingerprint card of [REDACTED] results of examination:

It was concluded that [redacted] : B, prepared
the handwriting on Q1 and Q2.

You will be advised separately regarding the results of the Superprint examination.

Specimen K23 is returned herewith. Photographs and notes are retained in the files of the laboratory.

Indoor air quality is also important for health.

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Re: [REDACTED] ~~Suspect~~;
ARMED GUARD VANDERVILT, ~~Witness~~
VINCE

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Lab. # D-132062 DJ

LAB. FILE

Examination requested by: New York (9-1673)

Date of reference communication: Let. 5-11-51

Date received: 5-14-51

Examination requested: Document - Fingerprint

Result of Examination:

Examination by: [REDACTED]

Specimens submitted for examination

MATERIALS SUBMITTED: An envelope and three sheets of paper bearing hw. specimens of [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

MATERIALS SUBMITTED: Fingerprint card of [REDACTED]

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DIRECTOR, FBI

Attention: ASSISTANT DIRECTOR HARBO
FBI LABORATORY

SAC, NEW YORK

May 11, 1951.

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[REDACTED] Subject;
ALFRED WINIFRED VANDERBILT, Victim
VIKEX

Request Document-Fingerprint examination.

There are enclosed specimens of Subject's handwriting contained on three individual sheets of paper similar to paper on which extortion note was written. There is enclosed also an envelope similar to that in which instant extortion letter was contained. This envelope bears handwriting of Subject.

There is also enclosed a sheet of Subject's fingerprints.

Full results requested of examination.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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Re:

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Date of reference communication: 5-10-51

Date received: 7-10-51

Examination requested: C. R. FILE OR PRINT

Result of Examination:

Examination by:

Specimens submitted for examination

Specimens submitted for examination, bearing name and signature.

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May 14, 1951

SAC, NEW YORK

[REDACTED] ALFRED GWYNNE VANDERBILT, VIEUX.

ALFRED GWYNNE VANDERBILT, CONCLUDED Q ONE AND A TWO ATTACHED BY [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] TWO LETTERS FIVE WRITINGS ON C TWO IDENTIFIED
AS FINGERPRINTS OF SUBJECT.

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REPORT
of the



FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
WASHINGTON D. C.

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To: [redacted], New York

May 19, 1951

Enclosed is the report of the FBI Laboratory on the evidence received from your office on May 10, 1951. An addendum confirming the supplement is also enclosed.

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cc: [redacted]

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J. Edgar Hoover
John Edgar Hoover, Director

YOUR FILE NO. 1673
FBI FILE NO. Q-20-14
LAB. NO. I-131736 15

Examination requested by: [redacted], New York

Reference: [redacted]

Examination requested: 120 mm. x 1 in. orprint

Specimen:

120 mm. fingerprin^t card, 120 mm. x 1 in., 0.12, covering [redacted]

120 mm. fingerprin^t card

A definite conclusion was not reached as to whether a print found by [redacted] on card, K22, or [redacted] (Q-20-14-167090, which 4 pictures appear on his [redacted] card, is due to the [redacted] nature of the known [redacted] which is not at all comparable with the present [redacted] sample.

Two latent fingerprints on 2 cards compared by [redacted] file [redacted] but no identification.

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Characteristics [redacted]
in the file.

Signature - [redacted]

File - Specie^s

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICERecorded
5-10-51
khlLaboratory Work Sheet[Redacted]
Re: [Redacted]File # 4-2041...
Lab. # D-1313-1b6
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Lab file

Examination requested by: New York (4-1373)

Date of reference communication: Let -f-1

Date received: 4-13-51

Examination requested: [Redacted] report

Result of Examination:

Examination by: [Redacted]

Specimens submitted for examination

[Redacted] my print card cr. [Redacted]

[Redacted] bearing his name signature.

Director, FBI
Att: Assistant Director ROLF T. HARBO,
FBI Laboratory
SAC, New York
VIREX
LAB. NO. D 131696 DJ

May 8, 1951

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There is enclosed, for document fingerprint examination in connection with the above-captioned subject, a fingerprint card for [redacted], an employee of the victim at Belmont Park Race Track.

It is also suggested that the fingerprint card of [redacted] be afforded a document fingerprint examination. [redacted] also is an employee of the victim.

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REGISTERED MAIL

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9-1673

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICELaboratory Work Sheetb6
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Re:

File #
Lab. # 21 20514-35

Date File No.

Examination requested by: 20514-35

Date of reference communication: 11/10/51

Date Received: 11/11/51

Examination requested:

Result of Examination:

Examination by: 1051
11Specimens submitted for examination

A. Specimen 1: A white, rectangular, thin-walled glass cigarette holder, approximately 3 1/2 inches long, a four-page letter dated 11/11/51, and a small amount of white, granular material, possibly salt or sugar. All specimens were found in a brown paper bag which was labeled "LAW ENFORCEMENT LABORATORY" and "20514-35".

B. Specimen 2: A white, rectangular, thin-walled glass cigarette holder, approximately 3 1/2 inches long, a four-page letter dated 11/11/51, and a small amount of white, granular material, possibly salt or sugar. All specimens were found in a brown paper bag which was labeled "LAW ENFORCEMENT LABORATORY" and "20514-35".

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**FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
WASHINGTON D. C.**

Aug 11, 1951

To: _____

Report of the FBI Laboratory on the
specimen received from your office on May 1,
this and supplements the Bureau's
previous report.

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J. Edgar Hoover
John Edgar Hoover, Director

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Reference $C_1 C_2 = -1$

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of his known writing which consists only of signatures. These signatures are not sufficiently comparable with the questioned handwriting.

It is noted that item one in reference letter is described as being a two-page letter while actually it consists of two one-page letters which have been stapled together.

In accordance with your request specimens #20 and #21 are returned herewith. Appropriate photographic copies of these documents are retained in the files of the laboratory.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Received 10
12/51 pm.

Laboratory Work Sheet

Re: U.S. vs. ALFRED G. VANDERBILT, INT-VICTIM
EXAMINATION

File # 1-5211
Lab. # D-131913 DJ
Int. File open

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Examination requested by: SAC Baltimore 9-AGC

Date of reference communication: letter 12/51

Date Received: 5/11/51

Examination requested: Incident

Result of Examination:

Examination by

Specimens submitted for examination

On 12/11/51, received 12/14/51, a three-page letter written from A. G. Vanderbilt, Jr., 1120 Madison Ave., New York, New York, a four-page letter dated 3/12/51, also bearing the purported known writing of ALFRED G. VANDERBILT, also one copy of an "Employee's Military Record" and five copies headed "Alfred G. Vanderbilt, Jr., Inc., Inc.", bearing the known signatures of ALFRED G. VANDERBILT, JR.

Also five copies headed "Alfred G. Vanderbilt, Jr., Inc., Inc.", one copy of "Employee's Military Record", one copy "Employee's Employment Certificate", all bearing the known signatures of ALFRED G. VANDERBILT, JR.

Return Evidence

12/10/51 12/11/51

Director, F.B.I. ATTN. FBI LABORATORY,
SAC, Baltimore ASSISTANT DIRECTOR HARBO

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To New York and Director and Balto. 5/7/1.

[REDACTED] furnished to [REDACTED] Moore Farm, Glendale, Md.,
the end of the letter of "WEST R. J." and "MURRAY".

1. The first letter dated 3/1/48 written from 624 Newberry
St., Philadelphia, Pa.; salutation "Dear Friend"
and ending "Yours," "This letter bears a postscript [REDACTED] I
return it to you circa 1/16, 1947."

2. [REDACTED] [REDACTED] letter from [REDACTED]

3. A longer letter written by [REDACTED] and bearing the salutation
[REDACTED] [REDACTED]

It is to be noted that the above three letters are reported to
have been written by WEST JAMES to [REDACTED] at the Sagamore
Arms.

4. In addition to the above [REDACTED] furnished one copy
of the "Employee's History Record" bearing the signature of
WEST R. J. [REDACTED].

5. Five copies of yellow accountin-type paper headed "Alfred
Vanderbilt's Cine Table" which bears the signature of both
[REDACTED] [REDACTED]. These sheets are for travelling
expenses for the periods ending Jan. 15, 1951; Jan. 31, 1951;
Feb. 15, 1951; Mar. 2, 1951; and Mar. 15, 1951.

6. One copy of "Employee's History Record" bearing the signature
of [REDACTED] [REDACTED].

7. "Employer's Nonholding Exemption Certificate" bearing the
signature of [REDACTED] [REDACTED].

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cc: New York

Encs. REGISTERED MAIL, SPECIAL DELIVERY

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Reid 5/10/51

L/Dr.

Re: UNSUB, ALICE G YVETTE VANDERBILT
Victim
EXTORTION

The above listed material is being forwarded to the Laboratory for an examination which has been requested by the New York Office.

[redacted] who furnished the above material, requested that all of it be returned to him when it has served its purpose. He also advised that these were the only available handwriting specimens of ERNEST J. E. and LESTER MURRAY.

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" Mr. Winder left 11th
of Feb. 1861. came
back to town 16th
Feb. - 1861.

" Mr. Winder left 11th
of Feb. went James &
Company Mr. W. G. W.
Mr. W. W. W. W. W.
Mr. W. W. W. W. W.

" Mr. Winder -
W. W. W. W. W. W.

MAY 10, 1951

SAC, NEW YORK

UNKNOWN, ALFRED GUTHRIE VANDERBILT; VIXEN. REBURLT MAY EIGHT. DEFICATE
CONCLUSION NOT REACHED WHETHER LETTER AND ENVELOPE WRITTEN BY [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]
ZERO AS SIGNATURES ON IR FINGERPRINT CARDS LIMITED AND NOT SUFFICIENTLY
COMPAREABLE. TWO LATENT FINGERPRINTS ON LETTER COMPARED WITH FINGERPRINTS
[REDACTED] AND NO IDENTIFICATION EFFECTED.

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MAY 4, 1951

SAC, NEW YORK

RE: FBI; ALLEGED CYCLOPS VANDERBILT - VITEX. REURLIT MAY 3RD.
NO TO IDENTIFICATION REQUESTED SEARCH ANONYMOUS LETTER FILE.
PARTICK OF US GOVERNMENT EXTRAMARITAL CONDUCT IN PAPER U.S.
POTENTIAL. NO MARK IN ENVELOPE NUMBER. LETTER TO MR.
WILLIAM GOLDBECK FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
ALLEGED CYCLOPS VANDERBILT VITEX TELLED HER TO GET OUT OF
CITY AND NOT TO COME BACK. LETTER TO MR. WALTER J. COOPER
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICELaboratory Work Sheet

Case No.: 100-10000

Re:

File # 100-10000
Lab. # 100-10000

Examination requested by: FBI - NEW YORK

Date of reference communication:

Date Received:

Examination requested: 100-10000

Result of Examination:

Examination by: 100-10000

Specimens submitted for examination

(All) submitted: Interrogation cards of EDWARD GOREY and JOHN GOREY.

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICELaboratory Work Sheet

Received 5/7/51 phr

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ALFRED GENEVIE VANDERBILT--VICTIM
Intention:File #
Lab. # F-131722 DJLB File

Examination requested by: SAC, New York 9-1673

Date of reference communication: letter 5/4/51

Date Received: 5/5/51

Examination requested: Document & Fingerprint

Result of Examination:

Examination by: [redacted]

L.S.A. / /
5/5/51Specimens submitted for examination

Fingerprint card of the following individuals bearing their known handwriting:

KJ ALBERT & WEST JAMES

K5 ALBERT M. MURRAY

Also submitted: Fingerprint cards of [redacted]

Director, FBI

May 4, 1951

SAC, New York Att. Asst. Dir. Harbo,
FBI Laboratory

UNSUB;
ALFRED GWYNNE VANDERBILT - VICTIM;
EXTORTION

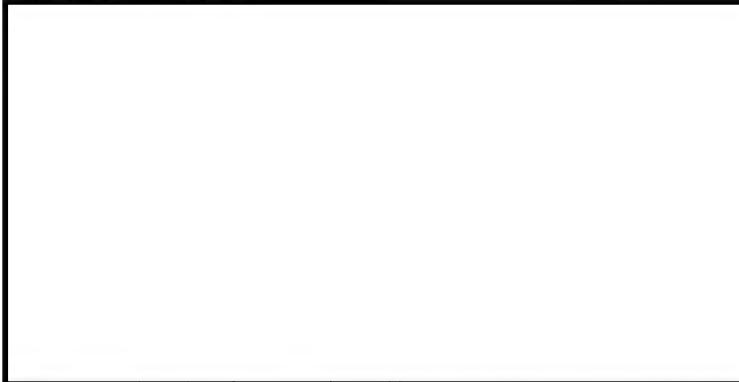
ReNYlet to Bureau, 5/3/51, enclosing extortion
letter addressed to victim.

There are enclosed applicant fingerprint cards
bearing signatures of the following individuals who are
employed in the victim's stables at Belmont Park Race
Track, Elmont, New York:

ROBERT ERNEST JAMES



LESTER MURRAY



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It is requested that the handwriting contained on
the fingerprint cards of the above-mentioned individuals be
compared with the handwriting in instant letter and that any
latent prints developed from instant letter also be compared
with the prints contained on the enclosed cards.

Relet was handled by [redacted]
at the victim's stables, and [redacted]

[redacted] There are enclosed fingerprint cards for each of
these individuals for elimination purposes.

Encls. 23 R.M.

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Letter to Director
NY 9-1673

It is requested that upon the completion of the above examinations that these cards be returned to the NY Office inasmuch as they were obtained from the Thoroughbred Racing Detective Association.

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REPORT
of the



FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
WASHINGTON D. C.

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To: New York

May 5, 1951

Enclosed herewith is the report of the FBI Laboratory on the examination of evidence received from our office on May 4, 1951. This report confirms and supplements the laboratory report of May 4, 1951.

Re: Unknown subject
J. W. M. - 100-10247
NY

J. Edgar Hoover
John Edgar Hoover, Director

Examination requested by:

Reference:

Examination requested

Specimen:

DN 44

Letter dated 4-3-51

YOUR FILE NO.

FBI FILE NO.

LAB. NO.

D-131096 46

1. Envelope addressed to R. A. VANDERWILL, client Jacoback, 112 Main, New Haven, Connecticut, postmarked by 3, 1951, 7:30 AM.
2. Accurately written "Dear Mr. R. A. VANDERWILL You will see, I'm serious...," ending "P. S. this is no joke."

Results of investigation:

1 and 2 were compared with the appropriate sections of the numerous documents affecting an identification. Approximately four references to comparison purposes.

1 is a light reddish brown style of envelope which is thin in color. It has a blue lining on the inside. This lining has white markings which are similar to those found in an envelope containing the letter. It is a regular envelope. This envelope was found to contain a faint water mark. No stamp was found. No evidence was recovered by the laboratory.

2 is a sheet of white card paper upon which appears approximately 10 1/3 to 7 1/3 inches. This sheet of paper bears a fragmentary watermark which appears to be the name of the manufacturer, which is used on most of the paper used by the firm and is as follows:

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1 and 2 were treated for latent fingerprints by the [redacted]
[redacted] and you will be advised separately regarding the results of
the fingerprint examination. Neither of these documents was treated
[redacted] much as this process would alter the original
evidence in such a way that the subject would observe the change
in the event it is necessary to return these documents to him. In
the event 1 and 2 are not returned to the subject, you may desire
to resubmit them to the laboratory in order that they may be treated
for latent fingerprints by [redacted]

Specimens 1 and 2 are returned herewith. Photographic copies
of those documents are retained in the files of the Laboratory.

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Dear Mr. & Mrs. G.

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My dear Mr. & Mrs. G.

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I am very sorry to

say that I have

not been able to

get away from my

work to go to

the station to

see you all day

but I will try to

get away on Saturday

or Sunday if you like

to see me.

Yours very truly

John G. G.

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at 3.211 ft.

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1131 $\frac{2.87}{2.10} \times 7.47 \times .0045$
show -
at 3.211 ft.

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many small
holes along the
approx. 10' road. -
no live oak.

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Director, FBI
Att: Ass't Dir. HARBO, FBI Laboratory
SAC, New York

May 3, 1951

UNKNOWN SUBJECT;
ALFRED GYNN VANDERBILT - VICTIM
EXTORTION

There is enclosed an anonymous letter addressed to Mr. A. VANDERBILT, Belmont Racetrack, Elmont, Long Island, New York, postmarked May 3, 7:30 A.M., 1951, which reads as follows:

"Dear Mr. A. VANDERBILT

"You will meet me at gate 6 of the Belmont race-track. With 10 thousand dollars in cash you will be along in your car at 8 o'clock P.M. May 10 if you tell anyone I will kill you and whoever you tell and if you do not have the money I will kill you.

"P. S. this is not a joke."

It is requested that this letter be processed for latent prints and also that the handwriting be compared with the anonymous letter file. Elimination prints of the known individuals who handled the letter as well as prints of suspects and handwritten signatures of the latter will be forwarded 5/4/51 for comparison with any latent prints developed and with the handwriting in the anonymous letter.

It is also requested that this letter be immediately returned to the New York Division in the event the subject should request the victim to return it.

Enc. 1

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REGISTERED MAIL

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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OCTOBER 16, 1953

To: COMMUNICATIONS SECTION.

Transmit the following message to: SAC
NEW YORK

ALFRED G. VANDERBILT, VIKEX. LATENT FINGERPRINTS DEVELOPED

IN UNLAWFUL EXTORTION NOTE. CONFIRMED.

HOOVER

MR TEL

J-2-JJK

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Jabot 10-16-53 886*

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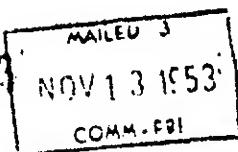
SAC, NEW YORK MAIL

UNKNOWN SUBJECT, ALFRED G. VANDENBILT, VIKEX. ADVISE STATUS
OF INVESTIGATION. SUAIRTEL, SUREP BY NOVEMBER 25, 1953.

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DETROIT VENUE BUILT TO REFLECT NEW YORK DIVISION

CORPORATE VISIONS IN CONCERT

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SUBJECT TO BE LEFT IN UNDER SUPERVISION WORLD UNDER JURISDICTION
OF JUDICIAL DISTRICT NY. N.Y. COURT ON IMMEDIATELY
ENCOURAGING SUBJECT TO PAYING PROBATION VIOLATOR AND
APPROPRIATELY LEAVING NEW YORK.

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Rosen	—

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DECEMBER 8, 1954 AIRTEL

WAC, NEW YORK MAIL

[REDACTED] INFORMATION. SEE L.A. CRK

1. FROM NOVEMBER 7, LA T, AND UNTIL DECEMBER 7, LA T.

2. A PLATE OF ARTICLE AND CHECKED RECORD AND ADVISED

TODAY THAT [REDACTED] AS UNDER SUPERVISION OF THAT

PERSON AND IN IMMEDIATE SUPERVISION OF SUBJECT

IS TURNED OVER TO THE PROSECUTION OFFICER AT BROOKLYN, N.Y.

3. TO DATE NO FURTHER INFORMATION RECEIVED CONCERNING

THE PLATE NUMBER [REDACTED]

HOOVER

CC: W.C. BARKER

CC: ALBANY

MEMORANDUM

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CONVENTIONAL FILE

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Walters	
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Ziegler	

[REDACTED] EXTORTION. FOLLOWING TELETYPE RECEIVED
FROM ALBANY THIS DATE, "NEW YORK STATE DEPT. OF CORRECTION RECEIVED
TELETYPE TODAY FROM STRATFORD, CONN. TELETYPE NO. TWO FIVE EIGHT,
FILE THIRTEEN, ADVISING HOLDING ABOVE NAMED SUBJECT. CLAIMS TO BE
ON PROBATION FOR EXTORTION. [REDACTED]

NO RECORD ALBANY. NO RECORD NYO. BUREAU PLEASE ADVISE.

Mr. Rosen

Mr. Tamm

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DIRECTOR URGENT

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
WASHINGON, D.C.
PROSECUTION DEPARTMENT, EDNY, ADVISES [REDACTED] PAROLEE MAY TWENTY SEVEN.
FIFTY TWO FROM NATIONAL BRIDGE CAMP, GREENLEE, VIRGINIA. PV WARRANT
ISSUED OCT. THIRTY, FIFTY TWO AND SUBJ RETURNED TO CUSTODY AFTER ARREST
AT VAG IN ORANGEBURG NY, PT. PAROLE AGAIN NOV. NINE, FIFTY THREE UNDER
SUPERVISION, EDNY TO APRIL FOURTEEN, FIFTY SEVEN. [REDACTED] b6
QUIT IC, EYE, NY, DEC. TWO, LAST. VOLUNTARILY SURRENDERED DEC. [REDACTED] b7C
FIVE TO STAMFORD, CONN. PD AS PV. NO PV WARRANT OUTSTANDING.

[REDACTED] RELEASED DEC. SEVEN. RETURNED VOLUNTARILY /
TO SUPERVISION, ENRY, DEC. EIGHT. [REDACTED] SENT HOME BY [REDACTED]
WHO IS SUBMITTING REPORT, BOARD OF PAROLE, WASHINGTON, DC. JURISDICTION
IN HEARING TO REVOKE PAROLE VESTED SOLELY IN BOARD. FOR INFO ".

[REDACTED] SENTENCED EDNY, MAY TWENTY FOUR, FIFTY ONE AS JUVENILE
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ALFRED VANDERBILT

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11/1/61

Boy, 15, Arrested in \$10,000 Extortion Plot on Vanderbilt

NEW YORK, Nov. 1.—A 15-year-old boy was arrested yesterday in New York City in connection with the plot to kidnap George Washington Vanderbilt, son of the late Mr. Vanderbilt, president of the New York Central Railroad, and to demand \$10,000 in ransom.

The FBI said yesterday that the boy, identified as John Edward Gandy, had been questioned by agents at the FBI office in New York. He was released and the authorities said he would be held in custody until he could be interviewed again.

He was identified as John Edward Gandy, 15, of 1157 West 187th Street, Bronx, N. Y. He was questioned yesterday morning, the authorities said, and was released.

The note was addressed to the office of the New York Central Railroad, which officials believed there might be a plot to kidnap George Washington Vanderbilt. The spokesman for the railroad said he was a director of the Belmont Track Club, a horse racing track and country club.

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Times-Herald

Wash. Post

Wash. Star

Wash. Star

N.Y. Mirror

N.Y. Daily News

Peterborough, N.H., Vt.

~~P. B. I.~~ Seizes Boy With Toy Gun For Vanderbilt Extortion Threat

In a scene marked by the utmost more than twenty armed agents present, a frightened 15-year-old boy hidden near-by when the deadline Nassau County schoolboy was arrived. The youngster was hid-brought into Brooklyn Federal building in the bushes.

Court yesterday to face a charge. The boy admitted that he had of seeking to extort \$10,000 from written the note. His parents were Alfred Gwynne Vanderbilt, society notified and he was permitted to go home with them overnight. He and race track figure.

The youngster, whose identity was directed to return to the office was withheld, had sent a letter to see of United States Attorney Mr. Vanderbilt threatening to take Frank J. Parker in Brooklyn yes-the sportsman's life if the money terday.

was not forthcoming. He had only a toy pistol on him when arrested was questioned by Mr. Parker, by agents of the Federal Bureau Assistant United States Attorney Philip J. Hirsch and two F. B. I. agents. He said he got his idea that he was sent to the Federal House of Detention last night when he failed to post the \$1,000.

Mr. Parker said that he had requested special quarters for the youngster at the Federal House of Detention after an arraignment Edward H. Fox.

Mr. Vanderbilt received the note on May 3. He might face the formal charge of leaving the money near date of the Belmont Race Track on Thursday at 5 P. M. The boy could be sentenced to twenty years in prison and be fined \$5,000.

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**FBI Seizes Boy
Trying to Levy on
A. G. Vanderbilt**

NEW YORK, May 11 (UPI).—A 15-year-old boy has been arrested on charges of threatening the life of wealthy sportsman Alfred G. Vanderbilt in an attempt to extort \$10,000 from him, Federal officials said today.

FBI agents seized the youth at Belmont race track, where Vanderbilt was instructed in a note to bring the money.

They found a toy gun on the boy.

On direction of United States Attorney Frank Parker, FBI agents turned the youth over to his parents last night. Officials refused to reveal the boy's name.

United States Commissioner Edward Fay ordered him held today under \$1,500 bond on charges of violating the Juvenile Delinquency Act rather than on charges of extortion.

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Clegg	_____
Glavin	_____
Nichols	_____
Rosen	✓
Tracey	_____
Harrison	_____
B. Tamm	_____
M.	_____
T. C. Brown	_____
Moore	_____
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Youth Is Seized After Threat To Kill Vanderbilt

NEW YORK, May 11 (AP)—A 15-year-old boy who intended to extort \$10,000 from wealthy sportsman Alfred Gwynne Vanderbilt at Belmont race track on instead of killing him has been arrested, the FBI announced today.

The youth was arrested last night. His identity was not revealed. He was placed in his attorney's custody pending possible court action.

Carries Toy Cap Pistol

Edward F. Schmidt, special agent for the New York FBI, said he now had a letter May 3 demanding the money from Vanderbilt. The pay-off was to be at gate No. 6 of Belmont race track at 8 p.m. on May 11.

The boy, dressed in a blue sweater and blue jeans and carrying a toy cap pistol, was arrested near the gate.

He admitted writing the note and said he got the idea after seeing Vanderbilt's photograph in a racing magazine two weeks ago, Schmidt reported.

Schmidt said the note read in part:

"If you tell anyone, I will kill you and whoever you tell and if you do not have the money I will kill you."

"This Is No Joke"

He wrote a postscript saying: "This is no joke."

The boy lives in Elmont, N. Y., northeast of Elmont.

The note was addressed to the track and received there by Vanderbilt. The sportsman is a director of the Belmont track and also of the Maryland Jockey Club.

He is a member of the New York Yacht Club.

A 5-foot-7, 150-pound boy is the son of the late Alfred Gwynne Vanderbilt, who died in the sinking of the Lusitania and Mrs. Margaret Emerson, Bronx Settlement heiress.

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Boy and Cap Gun Fail to Get Cash From Vanderbilt

NEW YORK, May 11 (AP)—A boy who was shot at gunpoint by FBI men as he held a cap pistol in hand, at Belmont Park, today was held as an extortor who threatened to kill Alfred Gwynne Vanderbilt unless the rich heir to the fortune would give him \$10,000.

The boy, 16, was shot in the leg yesterday when he was captured by agents who had been tracking Vanderbilt's movements. The shot was a warning shot, a warning of arm, according to a party of FBI men who were present.

Agents said the blue-clad boy was lucky to have not shot to death. In the fading light, he was difficult to spot. Had he made a move with the cap pistol, he would have drawn the fire of the FBI men, who had no way of knowing exactly whom they were dealing with.

"This Is No Joke"

"I will kill you and whoever you tell and if you do not have the money I will kill you," read a letter received by Vanderbilt a few days ago. It fixed the meeting place and bore a postscript which said "This is no joke."

The boy's name also was withheld.

Vanderbilt is president of the New York Yacht Association of the United States and is a resident of Belmont Park and Central Park.

He is a well-known yachtsman and is a member of the America's Cup racing team. From time a number of times, he was never in serious trouble with authorities.

Had Read About Him

After his capture, he was quizzed by the FBI men for two hours, then was taken home. His mother sat up all night with him. At noon today he was taken to the U. S. attorney's office in Manhattan, where he was questioned for more than an hour. Then, in Brooklyn, the U. S. attorney questioned the boy for three hours. From it all came a statement that the boy got the idea of attempting to get the money from Vanderbilt from reading about him.

The charge against him is juvenile delinquency in that he mailed a threatening letter seeking to extort money. He was held in \$1,000 bail to await action of a federal judge next week.



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Extort BOY Faces 20 Yrs.

Special quarters at the Federal House of Detention were provided overnight for a 15-year-old Nassau boy, who admitted a \$10,000 ransom demand.

Aldred G. "Red" Vanderbilt, 26, city and race track notable, had received an extortion note on May 3 which threatened his life. The boy, armed with a big pistol, was seized Thursday at Belmont Race Track. If convicted, the boy faces 20 years in prison and a \$5,000 fine.

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**Boy, 15, With Cap Pistol, Seized
In Vanderbilt Extortion Threat**

Eighth-Grader Who Demanded \$10,000 on Pain of Death Is Trapped by 20 Agents at Belmont

A letter was sent right-grade. The letter, one of the millions, was held in New York yesterday after Federal Bureau of Investigation agent Edward E. Smith, 34, in May threatened agent to extort \$10,000 from Al Capone, agent of the New York F. B. I., told Greyhounds Vanderbilt on threat office, said the note read in part, of death at the Belmont Race "If you tell anyone, I will kill you or I'll burn down your land wherever you tell and if you do, the murderer who lives with me have the money I will kill you." The note, which was left on a post-card, "This is no game, it is too far from the joke," heavily underlined.

agents were received before Captain. No arrests were made in connection with the kidnaping of Mr. Hoover, and I found no trace of violence, either of the F. B. I. long before or after the kidnapping act was committed. On Thursday morning at 8 o'clock, and until seven, agents were posted in front of the former commandery every avenue of approach to the hotel with intent to arrest the kidnapper. One agent had a quantity of incendiary materials packed so he could stop for a moment or \$5,000 fine or ward in the sole of Mr. Vanderbilt's H. He also was not succeeded when the kidnapper arrived.

Just before 8 p. m. the blond agent and twenty F. B. I. agents, boy, 5 feet 2 inches tall, wearing a white shirt, the outside of the a blue sweater and blue jeans and carrying a .38 cal. revolver and armed with a toy cap pistol, was seen to leave the track. Mr. Venable took him into custody near the gate of the track. He was reported as having been watching for Agent Venable and Venable for some time. "It made us feel very glad to have information letter admissibly," one of the F. B. I. agents said. "We had been at the racetrack, of the scene recalled yesterday, and we had different

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Extortionist

By JAMES M. SCHLESINGER
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Washington, D. C.

John W. Vanderbilt, son of the late James J. Vanderbilt, the railroad tycoon, was arrested yesterday.

He was arrested at his home in New York City, where he has been staying since his father's death.

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mother, two F. B. I. agents, and a clerk were present at the arraignment before Commissioner Fay.

Mr. Fay advised the youth of his rights and asked him to sign a waiver of his right to remain silent.

Besides, Mr. Fay advised the boy to pick his trial date at a later time.

Then turned the boy over to United States Marshal E. C. G. Connelly,

who took him to the Federal 1 Court of Detention, 247 West Street. Mr.

Parker directed that the boy be segregated from adult prisoners

for several days. He said the case would

open Mr. Vanderbilt had money probably come up in a week and

not had much trouble in finding

the informant. Conrad P.

Parkman, chief prosecution officer

F. B. I. agents, told the Justice Department, who interviewed the boy after his arraignment, that he had been informed he would be held in the

United States Attorney's office with him until his background

was checked out.

F. B. I. agents, who planned

to question the boy, were contacted by the Justice

Department, who said they had

no record of the boy's arrest or had

not been informed of his arrest.

Mr. Vanderbilt, who was in

to keep his identity secret and only

Baltimore yesterday, could not be

reached immediately for comment.

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Boy in Vanderbilt Threat Convicted; Faces 20 Years

NEW YORK, May 21, 1899.
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